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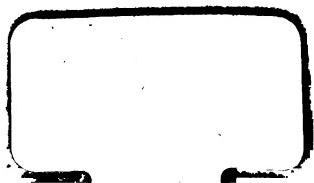
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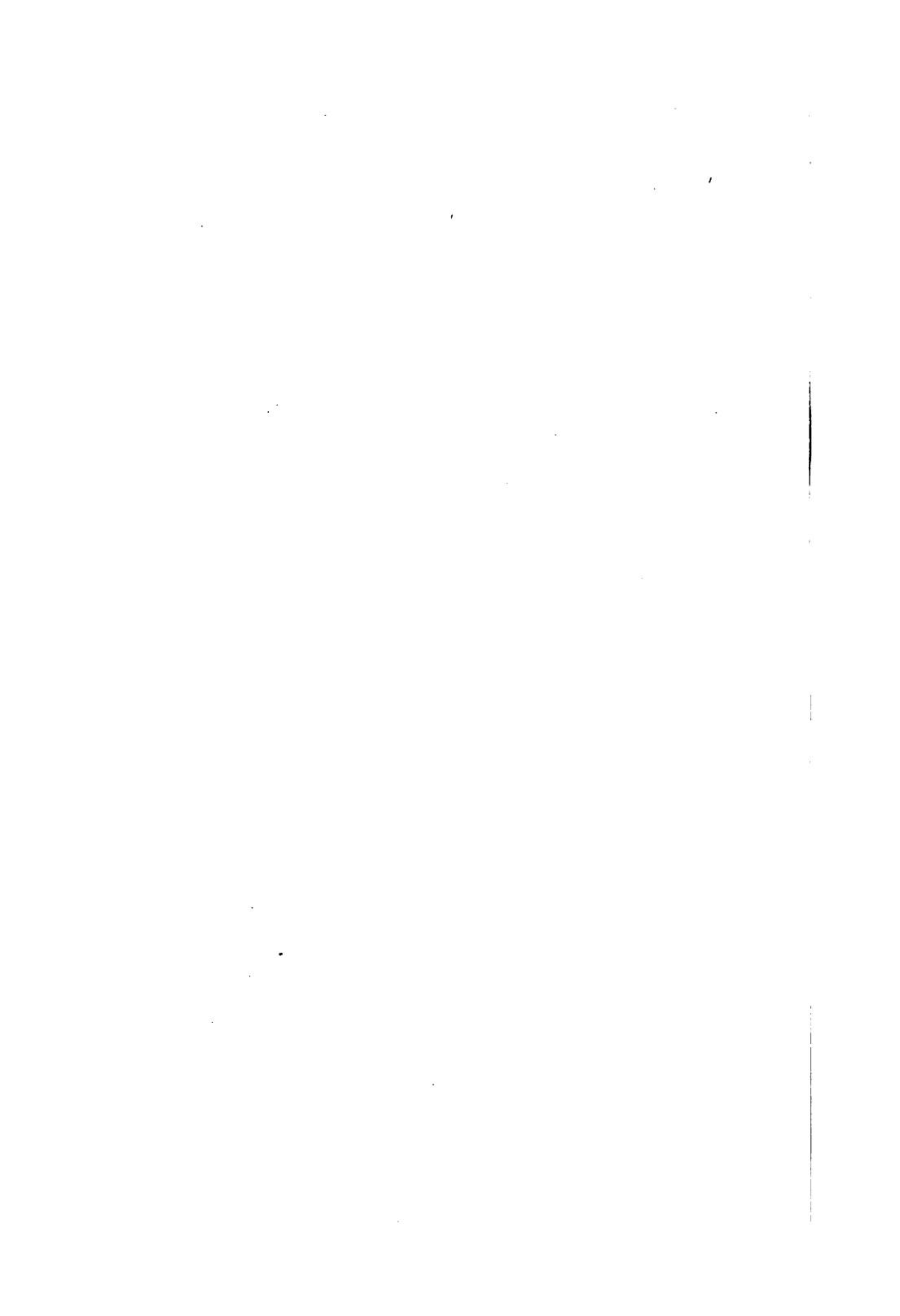


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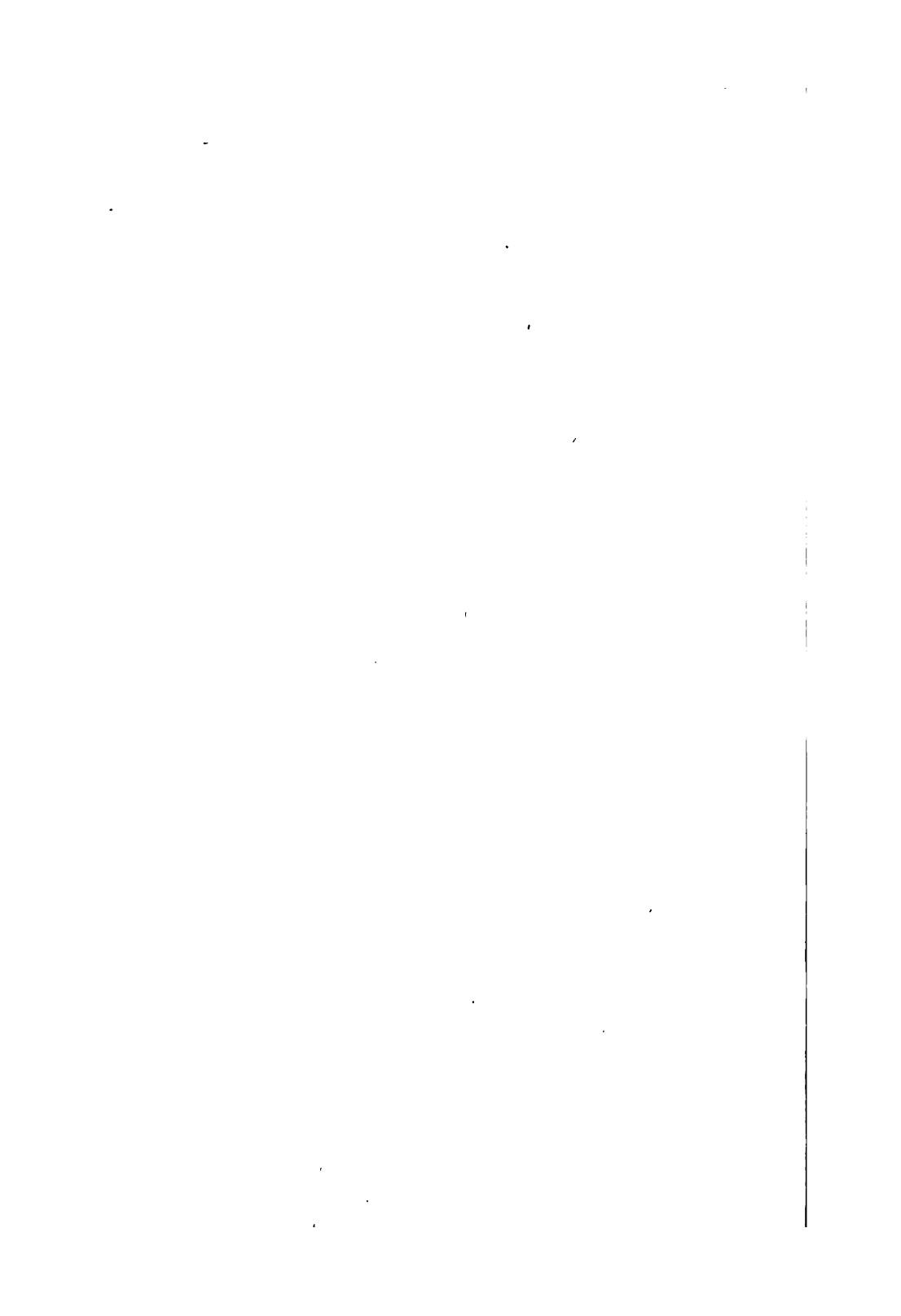


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## SIR WALTER RALEGH IN IRELAND

### I

#### *Sir Walter's Study and the Geraldine College*

A FEW years ago a desultory correspondent wrote to a friend :—

“I have returned from the tropical seas where Raleigh's fleet suffered from tornados and fever, and I am resting for a few weeks in ‘Sir Walter's study’ —in the same room where he looked at the charts of Verazzano before his voyage, and where he first smoked tobacco in Europe on his return. The room is much the same as it might have been in those times. The original painting of the first governor of Virginia is there, and a contemporary

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engraving of Elizabeth Queen of Virginia. The long table at which he wrote, the oak chest in which he kept papers, the little Italian cabinet, the dark wainscoting with fine carvings rising up from each side of the hearthstone to the ceiling, the old deeds and parchments, some with Ralegh's seal, the original warrant, under the autograph and signet of Queen Elizabeth, granting a pension to the Countess Elinor of Desmond, and the two book-cases of vellum-bound and oak-bound books of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries—for there is nothing in the room (except the writer of these lines) that was not born when Ralegh lived here—all these things compel me to think of him, and I do my best to think well of him, but how can I? Who could think well of him here? As I look through the deep window where he often stood, I see the ruined tower of St. Mary's and the remains of the College of Youghal. They were built a hundred years before his time, as well as the warden's house in which he lived, by the eighth Earl of Desmond. In this spot I cannot think of

Ralegh

Ralegh without thinking of Thomas Fitzgerald—a contrast not favourable to Ralegh."

The great Earl, to whom the modern occupant of Sir Walter's study thus referred, was the chief personage in the Pale for some years. He was Lord Deputy, but whilst he did his duty conscientiously to the foreign lord of Ireland, he was not insensible to the fact that there were people in Ireland who lived beyond the Pale. He called the first Parliament in which a real effort was made to establish something like fair dealing with the Irishry. He encouraged the commerce with the southern parts of Europe which had sprung up about the time that Edward the Second had farmed out the customs revenue of Cork, Youghal, and Waterford to Gerardo, a Florentine merchant, and the Friscobaldi had begun to send their wines from Livorno to Youghal. Like his contemporary Lorenzo de' Medici, he played a part in the revival of letters. He could not restore all the ruined seats of learning from Armagh to Cashel and Lismore that had fallen before civil war and foreign

invasion, but he founded a college at Youghal in 1464 and gave the warden and fellows an endowment of £600 per annum—a more generous endowment, looking to his income and the value of money in those days, than the Parliament has given to the Queen's Colleges and the Irish people themselves have given to the Catholic University in our time. Some of the specimens of early printing—1479 to 1483—which were found fifty years ago in a recess in the house built by the great Earl for the Warden of the College, were no doubt a part of the library then collected. The contrast between this generous effort to revive the ancient civilisation of the country and the Philistine policy, as Mr. Matthew Arnold would call it, of later times is remarkable.

II

*Ralegh and the Historians*

Ralegh's career in Ireland determined his fate more perhaps than is usually supposed. On the other hand, his proceedings and those of his companions in Munster made a deep mark in Irish history. In fact he was one of the most daring and active of those eminent Englishmen who have done much to render British government permanently difficult—if not more than difficult—in Ireland.

British historians have touched but slightly on Ralegh's Irish exploits. Beyond the fact of his planting the potato for the first time in his garden near the old town-wall of Youghal, his smoking tobacco under the four intertwined yew-trees that still remain there, and his musings with Edmund Spenser, little is published of his Munster life. And yet

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yet it is still a fresh and living force in the unwritten history of the peasants from Youghal to Lismore, and along the banks of the Blackwater and the Lee from Imokilly to the mountains of Kerry. It is possible to meet men and women on the old ploughlands of the Desmond estate who speak nothing but Irish (in the Province of Munster there are thirty thousand peasants who at this day do not speak English), and from their stories to pick up more of the real doings of Raleigh and his comrades in Ireland than from Hume and the historians. That tradition-loving and long-memoried people as M. Thierry calls them, the most unchanging people on the face of the globe as Mr. Froude calls them, are not ignorant of the events of three hundred years ago, and they look upon them now much in the same way that their ancestors looked upon them then.

In his 'English in Ireland' Mr. Froude makes no reference to Sir Walter Raleigh, and in his 'History of England from the Fall of Wolsey to the Death of Elizabeth,' in which the war of the Desmonds

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is more fully described, he hardly mentions him. Having touched on the Irish victory at Glenmalure in which the new Deputy, Lord Grey de Wilton, was defeated, the landing of two thousand Scots in Antrim under the Countess of Desmond, and the landing of some Spanish and Italian allies of the Irish in Dingle Bay, Mr. Froude says :—

“ Meanwhile, Lord Grey having recovered as well as he could from his first calamity, and being reassured by a victory of Maltby's over the Burkes and the unexpected quiet of the rest of Ireland, gathered all the soldiers that he could raise, and set off with a small, but, from its composition, unusually interesting force, to attack the invaders by land. Ireland had become to young Englishmen of spirit a land of hope and adventure, where they might win glory and perhaps fortune ; and among the names of the officers who accompanied Grey are found those of Burghley's kinsman, young Mr. Cheke, of Edmund Spenser, and of Walter Ralegh.”

Such is Mr. Froude's mention of him. This omission is not less remarkable from the fact that in  
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important events described by Mr. Froude, Raleigh took a busy part ; and for a score of years he was an influential adviser of Elizabeth, sometimes the most influential, in an Irish policy that, as Edmund Burke says, was never deviated from for a single hour during her reign.

## III

*Arrives in Ireland*

Spenser was Assistant-Secretary to the Lord Deputy, and was then twenty-eight years of age. Raleigh was also in his twenty-eighth year when he sailed from the Isle of Wight for Ireland. He landed in Cove harbour with what he calls "a footeband of one hundrethe men." In his letter to Lord Burghley written from Cork on the 22nd of February, 1580, he claims certain arrears, from which it seems that he was paid at the rate of four shillings a day for himself, two shillings a day for  
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his lieutenant, fourteenpence a day for four other officers, and eightpence a day for every common soldier. To this company he was able to add a small number of horsemen with "good furniture," that is, suitable armour and trappings. They were mostly Devonshire men, and, like their captain, full of courage and energy. Even when, two years later, by the Queen's special order, he got the command of Captain Appesley's band also, the number of troops with which he operated was very small. The amount of destruction and conquest accomplished by those highly paid and well equipped men seems out of all proportion to their insignificant numbers. For some years the Irish fell before them as German tribes had fallen before the soldiers of Italy.

IV

*The Slaughter at Smerwick*

Captain Raleigh's "Reckonings" in Ireland begin, according to the records in the Rolls Office, with the date July 13, 1580, a couple of months before Lord Grey's second government in Ireland, but some earlier record of his pay may have been lost. Whether or not he preceded the Lord Deputy to Ireland, he certainly accompanied him to the bay on the shores of the Atlantic where Admiral Winter and Vice-Admiral Bingham blockaded Desmond's six or seven hundred foreign allies. Hemmed in on all sides, the garrison of Smerwick Castle surrendered on the 10th of November, 1580. Here is Mr. Froude's description of the way in which some of those young Englishmen of spirit began to win glory :—

"Don Bastian with the officers came out with  
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ensigns trailing, and gave themselves up as prisoners. The men piled their arms outside the walls, and waited defenceless to learn the pleasure of their conquerors. They were strangers, and by this time alone. The officers were reserved for their ransom. Common prisoners were inconvenient and expensive, and it was thought desirable to read a severe lesson to Catholic sympathisers in Ireland. ‘The Lord of hosts,’ wrote Grey, ‘had delivered the enemy to us, none of ours being hurt, Mr. Cheke alone excepted. Then put I in certain bands, who fell straight to execution.’ A certain number of the original party had fallen sick, and had been sent back to Spain. With the exception of these and of the officers, the entire party was slaughtered. A few women, some of them pregnant, were hanged. A servant of Saunders, an Irish gentleman, and a priest were hanged also. The bodies, six hundred in all, were stripped and laid out upon the sands, ‘as gallant goodly personages,’ said Grey, ‘as ever were beheld.’”

Mr. Froude, after referring to Camden’s state-  
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ment that Lord Grey had shed tears and Queen Elizabeth had wished the cruelty undone, surmises that they might possibly "have felt some pity for the subjects of the King of Spain which was refused to the wives and babies of the Irish chiefs." But he gives good reasons for doubting Lord Grey's tears or the sincerity of the Queen's pity.

Whoever was to blame for the occurrence, the English admiral had no complicity in it. Dr. Taylor in his 'History of Ireland' says: "To the relentless soldiery innocence furnished no protection ; helpless infancy and tottering age found no mercy. Admiral Winter, however, with the humanity natural to a British sailor, was shocked by the horrid massacre, and granted protection to a few that escaped to his fleet." But who was to blame ? Lord Grey does not say what orders he gave to the bands he sent in, nor who commanded them. He does not mention Raleigh's name in his despatch of November 12 to the Privy Council. The question as to who was the actual executioner seems, however, to be set at rest by a passage in the contempor-

porary narrative in Hooker's Supplement to the Chronicles of Holinshed, in which we are told that the people in the fort held out a white flag, uttering the cry, " Misericordia, misericordia ;" they then, at the Lord Deputy's request, disarmed themselves, all their armour and arms being laid in one place. Hooker then adds : " In the fort Sir James Fitzgerald, Knight, and Lord of the Decies, was a prisoner by the order of the Earl of Desmond ; and one Plunket, an Irishman, and one Englishman which came and accompanied the traitors out of Spaine. The knight was set at liberty, but the other two were executed. When the captain had yielded himself, and the fort appointed to be surrendered, Captain Ralegh, together with Captain Macworth, who had the ward of that day, entered into the castle, and made a great slaughter, many or most part of them being put to the sword." The exact number thus dealt with by Ralegh and Macworth, though not given in Hooker's Supplement, appears in Holinshed under the date An. Reg. 23 (1580). " The fort was yeelded, all the Irish men and women

women hanged ; and more than foure hundred Spaniards, Italians, and Biscaies put to the sword ; the coronell, capteins, secretarie and others, to the number of twentie, saved for ransome."

## V

*Elizabeth's Approval*

Mr. Froude is the first English historian who admits that Queen Elizabeth had sanctioned this early exploit of Grey and Ralegh. For nearly three centuries the royal approbation of the Mahometan lesson of Smerwick was denied or doubted by British writers, whilst on the other hand the popular belief in Ireland was universal, that Grey had broken faith and that Elizabeth had approved of the massacre. Lord Bacon said, "The Queen was much displeased at the slaughter."\* Leland embodied the general view of the historians from

\* 'Harleian MSS.,' vol. v. p. 89.

Camden to the nineteenth century when he said, “Queen Elizabeth expressed the utmost concern and displeasure at this barbarous execution, but such pretences and such professions could not efface the odiousness of this action, and on the Continent it was received with horror.” The two letters, however, from Elizabeth to the Lord Deputy, printed in the appendix, show that the popular Irish view was well founded. The first letter is dated December 12, 1580, and is in reply to Lord Grey’s despatch of the 12th of November. In this letter she says the deed performed by him was “greatly to our lyking.” The second letter was written by the Queen two years subsequently, and refers with satisfaction to his exploit. They were both rendered accessible to the public only a few years ago when the State Papers were calendared at the Public Record Office.

The mistaken view of the British historians may possibly have arisen from assuming that because Lord Burghley had condemned the massacre, his Royal mistress had condemned it also. But this

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was only one of many instances in which the English Prime Minister of that day differed with Elizabeth as well as with the Dublin Castle officials. What real ground the Irish people have for the proverb, "The faith of Grey," as indicating a broken promise, is difficult to determine. Grey's despatches give no colour to any act of treachery. His secretary Edmund Spenser, however, admits the existence of a vague sentiment on the subject, from which he defends his master. But as regards the approval of the Queen, which is now beyond all question, the accuracy of the popular view in Ireland as opposed to that of the historians, may be accounted for by the fact that whilst Lord Burghley spoke out in London against the massacre, and the Queen held her tongue, Lord Grey, doubtless, showed her letters to his Council, and perhaps to the captains who were most zealous at Smerwick. It is one of the misfortunes of foreigners under such circumstances that the gossip of the dinner-table and the camp is soon spread by native servants.

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The State Papers that can now be read by the public at the Rolls Office, determine another disputed point also in connection with this affair. The Abbé Mac Geoghegan had asserted that one or two of the prisoners had been tortured and mutilated before being put to death. This was denied as a malicious fable. It was asserted that though Elizabeth's gallant captains might deal out stern justice to Irish women and children, to the extent even of hanging them, they would not wantonly mutilate human beings. One of the official reports however to Sir Francis Walsingham, the Queen's Secretary of State, in the seventy-eighth volume of the State Papers relating to Ireland for 1580, makes the following mention of the torture and mutilation :—

“ The ffortes were yielded, all the Irishmen and women hanged, and four hundred and upwardeſ of Italyans and others put to the sworde. . . . A ffirayer and others kept in store to be executed after examination had of them. . . . Next day was executed an Englishman who served Dr. Saunders,

one Plunckett, and an Irishe Priest theire armes  
and legges were broken and hanged upon a  
gallows."

## VI

*Ralegh's Courage*

Some of Ralegh's exploits were such as would entitle him now-a-days to the Victoria Cross. In his letter from Cork to Sir Francis Walsingham, of February 23, 1581, after he had been about a year in Ireland, he refers to an escape he had from the Seneschal of Imokilly when returning by a circuitous route from Dublin to Cork. His own account of the skirmish, which seems to have taken place at the Ballinacurra river, is very modest :—

"In my return from Develin I made a hard escape from the Seneshall in Barre's countre (wher he is always fostered) with xiiii horsmen and three-score footmen.

"I was three horsmen, and soun set on horsbacke

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two Irishe footmen. I coveted to recover a litle old castle, in that resun I left three men and three horses. The manner of myne own behaviour I leve to the report of others, but the escape was strange to all men. The castle was a longe mile off from the place wher he first sett on us. Ther is great need of a supply in Munster, for the bandes are all miche decayed."

From that letter Walsingham would learn nothing of the fact that Raleigh most gallantly risked his own life to save one of his followers. Hooker's description of the affair is more minute :—

" The capteine (Raleigh) making his returne from Dubline, and the same well knowne unto the seneschall of Imokellie, through whose countrie he was to passe, laie in ambush for him to haue intrapped him betweene Youghall and Corke, lieng at a foord, which the said capteine must passe our with six horssemen, and certain kerne. The capteine little mistrusting anie such matter, had in his companie onelie two horssemen and foure shot on horssebacke, which was too small a force in so

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doubtfull and dangerous times: neuertheless he had a very good guide, which was the servant of John Fitzedmunds of Cloue, a good subject, and this guide knew euerie corner and starting hole in those places.

“The capteine being come towards the foord, the seneschal had spied him alone, his companie being scattered behind, and verie fiercelie pursued him, and crossed him as he was to ride ouer water, but yet he recovered the foord and was passed ouer. The Irishman who was his guide, when he saw the capteine thus alone, and so narrowlie distressed, he shifted for himselfe and fled into a broken castell fast by, there to sauе himselfe. The capteine being thus ouer the water, Henrie Moile, riding alone about a bowes shoot before the rest of his companie, when he was in the midle of the foord his horsse foundred and cast him downe; and being afraid that the seneschalls men would have folowed him and have killed him, cried out to the capteine to come and to save his life; who not respecting the danger he himselfe was in, came unto him, and recovered

covered both him and his horsse. And then Moile wishing with all haste to leape up, did it with such hast and vehemencie that he quite over lept the horsse and fell into a mire fast by, and so his horsse ran awaie and was taken by the enemie. The capteine neverthelesse staid still, and did abide for the coming of the residue of his companie, of the foure shot which as yet were not come foorth, and for his man Jenkin who had about two hundred pounds in monie about him, and sat upon his horsse in the meane while, having his staffe in one hand, and his pistoll charged in the other hand."

The chronicler adds that the Seneschal, though he was twenty to one in strength, would not face Ralegh's little band again when he saw the captain ready to receive the onset. A leader who risked his life for his soldiers was likely to be well served by them, and when in another skirmish with the Irish his horse was mortally wounded by a dart, Ralegh was saved by two of his band fighting for him against long odds. Hooker gives a vivid account of this :—

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"When the summer was spent, Captaine Ralegh returned with all his band unto Corke, being in number eight horssemen and four score footmen. And as he passed through the countrie, it was advertised to him that David Barrie, an archtraitor, was at Clone with a great troope of sundrie hundreds of men. Whereupon he thought good to passe that waie through the towne of Clone, minding to trie the valor of David Barrie, if by anie meanes he might meet with him. And euen at the verie towns end he found Barrie and all his companie, and with a lustie courage gave the onset upon him. But Barrie refused it, and fled. And then this capteine passing from thense, in his jorneie he espied in a plaine niere adjoining to a woods sides a companie of footmen by themselves, upon whome with six horssemen he gave the charge ; but these being cut off from the wood whereunto they were fieng, and having not succor now to helpe and relieve themselves, they turned backe and conjoining themselves together to withstand this force and onset made upon them, in which they behaved

behaved themselves verie valiantlie, and of the horsses they killed five, of which Capteine Ralegh his horsse was one, and he himselfe in great danger, and like to have beene slaine, if his trustie servant Nicholas Wright a Yorkshire man borne had not bin. For he perceiving that his maisters horsse was galled and stricken with a dart, and plunged so much, that to his seeming he was past service, the said Nicholas willed and called to an Irishman there, whose name was Patrike Fagaw, that he should looke to his capteine, and either to rescue him, or to give charge upon the enemie. Whereupon the said Fagaw rescued his capteine, and the said Nicholas Wright forthwith gave the onset upon six of the enemies and slue one of them. And therewith came one James Fitzrichard an Irish gentlemen with his kerne to the rescue of the capteine, but his kerne was slaine and himselfe in danger. For Wright not looking on them followed the enemie verie egerlie and recompensed the losse of one with the slaughter of others. Which Capteine Ralegh perceiving cried out to his man

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saieng, ‘Wright, if thou be a man, charge above hand and save the gentleman.’ Who at his maisters commandment pressed into the middle of the enemies, and slue one of them and so saved the gentleman : and in which skirmish his horsse leg was cut under him. Diverse footmen were slaine of the enemies, and two were taken prisoners, whome they carried with them to Corke.”

His arrest of Lord and Lady Roche about this time has been described as a gallant exploit ; but though it involved some danger it was not done without an act of treachery on Ralegh’s part, and an abuse of hospitality.

Some of the details of the exploit, as given in Hooker’s Chronicles, are characteristic. Zouch having directed him to capture Lord Roche, Ralegh ordered ninety of his band “to be in readyness between ten and eleven o’clock at night upon the paine of death ;” and at the appointed hour, on a dark night, he marched out of the north gate of Cork, and for twenty miles through an enemy’s country. At daybreak he reached Lord

Roche’s

Roche's castle. The villagers adjoining the castle assembled to the number of five hundred, armed with darts and spears. Ralegh placed his well-equipped men across the village, and with six, whose names are given, Butler, Fulford, Wright, Barlow, Swane, and Pinking Huish, he knocked at the gate. A parley ensued, Ralegh stating that he came to speak to his lordship. After some discussion it was proposed that he should be allowed to pass in, provided he would only bring with him two or three of his party. To this Ralegh agreed, and the gate was then opened. "When once within the gate," says the chronicler, "Captain Ralegh so handled the matter by devises and meanes, that by little and little, and by some and some, he had gotten in within the iron doore or gate of the courlodge all his men." He then directed that every man should have "his peece well prepared with two bullets."

Lord Roche received him with great courtesy, presented him to his lady and invited him to join them in the meal they were about taking. Ralegh

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accepted the hospitality, and then asked Lord and Lady Roche to accompany him back to Cork. His lordship declined the invitation, whereupon Raleigh pointed out that his armed soldiers commanded the hall where they sat, that Lord Roche was his prisoner, and that he and his lady would be compelled to accompany him. With Lord Roche's life in his hands, he had no difficulty in getting orders given to the villagers to make no opposition to the departure from the castle. The return journey was begun at midnight, amidst a storm of rain. The darkness and the tempest saved him from an attack by the Seneschal of Imokilly, who lay with eight hundred men close to the main road. His contemporary historian describes the path he took as being "full of balks, hillocks, pits and rocks." Some of his men were much hurt by stumbling in the dark and "some lost their armour." One soldier appears to have died of a hurt or from exhaustion. After his two night marches, he arrived at the walls of Cork, early in the morning, "to the great joy of the garrison."

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In August 1580, Sir James Fitzgerald, the Earl of Desmond's brother, was captured and brought to Cork, where he was tried by Captain Ralegh and Captain Sentleger. They sentenced him to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Portions of his body remained for a considerable time above the gates of the city. The other brother, Sir John of Desmond, was killed in the following year and his body brought to Ralegh, who was acting as Governor of Cork. His head was sent to Dublin Castle, and his body was suspended by the heels from a high gibbet over the river Lee, on the north-gate bridge of Cork, where it swung for three years. Before long the skeleton of the Earl was also hanging from the walls of Cork, his head having been sent as "a goodly gift to Her Highnesse" in London. "Such was the fate," says the Abbé MacGeoghegan, "of the illustrious Fitzgeralds of Desmond, the Maccabees of our day, who sacrificed their lives and properties in the defence of the Catholic cause." For eight and twenty years from this time, Ralegh's name is found associated with the broken fortunes of the

Geraldines

Geraldines until the burial of James, the Eighteenth Earl, in the Chapel of the Tower.

## VII

### *His Hardships*

The longer he served, however, the more he complained of the hardships he and his soldiers endured. In a letter dated in 1581, "From Corke, the fyrist of May," he thus writes to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, Lord Grey de Wilton :—

"The bandes of Sir Georg Bowser, Edward Barkley, Captayne Dowdall, and of my self have bine ever since the seconde weeke of Lent remayning in Corke; and both the great wood of Conoloathe, Harlo, Clenis, and all the countie of Lymbricke, and the countees betweene the Dingle and Kilkenny, left without any companies ether to defend itself or annoy the enemy. Since which tyme wee have made two journeys: the one towards

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Kilkenny to give convoye to my Lorde, and attend his retурне, and the other into Conoloathe, by which jurnes (the one being in horible wether, and the other utterly botles, being don without draught or espiall, and beside inforst to walke such unreasonable marches as, wher wee dispatched a churell of the traitors, wee lamed, lost, or left behynde unserviceable, a soldier or two of our owne) the poore bands have curste the change they made in levying to follow your Honor, as they have tould the Lord Generall many tymes. And this fyrist of May wee ar going another posting convoy towards Kilkenny. But to culler the matter, wee shall march some two dayes out of our way to seeke wee know not whome. The store of Cork, except it be a smale quantitie of wheat and butter, is all spent within the walles, and now it wilbe aleged that wee cannot serve for want of vittles, or else because the bandes are not supplied ; although wee were nevere less than fore hundred stronge, and yet both of Sir George Bowcer's and Captain Barkle's companies left at Kilmalloch and Asketon. Wee  
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have spent these two monethes of the spring in parles with Barrey Rowe, the Countess of Desmond, and Finnin Macartey; and wee think it willbe two moneth more er he (Ormond) be resolved whether thes oughte to be followed or no, and yet theris no day passeth without some trayterous villanies by the Barres committed."

## VIII

*The Queen and Ralegh*

Some evidence of the personal interest Elizabeth began to take in Ralegh is manifest in the following letter she sent to the Lord Deputy in April 1582.

*By the Queene.*

" Right trusty and wellbeloued. We grete you well. Where we be given to vnderstand that Capteyne Appesley is not longe synce deceased, and the band of footemen which he had, committed

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nowe to James Fenton: for that as we are en-  
fourmed the said fenton hathe otherwise an en-  
treteynment by a certeyn ward vnder his charge;  
but chieflye for that our pleasure is to haue our  
Servaunt Walter Rawley treyned some longer tyme  
in that our realme for his better experiance in  
Martiall affaires, and for the speciaill care we haue  
to doe him good in respecte of his kyndred, that  
haue served vs some of them (as you knowe) neer  
aboute our Parson: theise are to requier youe, that  
the leading of the said bande may be committed  
to the said Rawley. And for that he is for so  
manie considerations by vs—lycensed to staye here  
and owre pleasure is that the said bande shall be in  
the meane tyme (till he repaire into that realme)  
deliuered to so manie sooche as he shall depot to  
be his luietenant there. Given at our Mannor of  
Grenewiche the      of Aprill 1582 in the xxvij<sup>th</sup>  
yere of our reigne."

Three years later she writes to Dublin that a  
substitute is to be found for Rafe Lane, "in con-  
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sideration of his undertaking the voyage to Virginia for Sir Water Rawley." In 1587, she refers to a fresh levy of horsemen for service in Ireland made by "our well beloved Sir Walter Rawley." In that year she places him first in the list of her Irish Captains. When she issues a sort of Royal Commission "touching the service in Ireland against Tyrone," Raleigh is one of the six selected to advise her. His growing influence with the Queen can be noted in his letters on Irish affairs.

## IX

*The Success of his Bands*

A question of some historic interest is solved by a study of Raleigh's Irish campaigns, and indeed by his own admission. How can we account for the success of such small bodies of soldiers as Elizabeth's captains commanded in the Desmond wars? The bands of Piers, Appesley, and Raleigh seemed

seemed for some years to be invincible. Not counting the women and children who were deliberately and systematically butchered,\* they routed over and over again five times their number of Irish gallowglasses ; indeed, if Hooker is to be believed, sometimes ten times their number. And yet in the lifetime of Ralegh this was all changed. He lived to hear of Hugh O'Neill, who, to use Mr. Froude's words, destroyed an English army at the ford of the Blackwater—the northern Blackwater. Something of course was due to the courage and skill of men like Ralegh, and the fatal rivalry of the Geraldines and Butlers. But such causes could not account for the early and easy victories over numerous Irish, compared with the fact that under Hugh O'Neill, Owen Roe, and the still later Sarsfield, the Irish troops were a match for an equal number of the enemy, and sometimes defeated the English troops even with a force numerically inferior to them. Ralegh himself

\* Lecky, 'Eighteenth Century,' vol. ii. p. 105.

explained it. In his ‘Discourse touching a War with Spain,’ one of his miscellaneous works not printed till after his death, he says :—

“ I myself remember that, within these thirty years, two of her Majesty’s ships would have commanded 100 sail of the Spaniards. I remember also, when I was a captain in Ireland, 100 foot and 100 horse would have beaten all the forces of the strongest province. But of late I have known an Easterling fight hand to hand with one of her Majesty’s ships, and the Irish in this last war have been victorious with an equal or even with an inferior force. And what is the reason? The Netherlands in those days had wooden guns and the Irish had darts: but the one is now furnished with as great a number of English ordnance as ourselves, and the other with as good pikes and muskets as England hath.”\*

Thus Voltaire’s libel, which had its origin in the contrast between such campaigns as Ralegh’s in

\* Ralegh’s ‘Miscellaneous Works,’ vol. viii. pp. 304-5.

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Ireland and the subsequent achievements of the Irish brigade on the Continent, is answered by Ralegh himself.

X

*Practises the Assassination of Irish Chiefs*

But apart from the fact that for many years the Irish were not met with even weapons, for which of course no one can blame the soldiers, the captains of Elizabeth introduced an infamous system as new to Ireland in the days of Ralegh as the English muskets. In the fifth book of his 'History of the World' Ralegh discusses the difference between "killing a man in open field with even weapons, and killing by guile." Writing in the prison of the Tower, he condemns the "lying in wait for bloud privily," as "guilfull murder," yet there seems little doubt that he had previously encouraged, if not practised, the assassination of

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the Irish landlords and chiefs of his time. He had high official example to guide him. "Practice and subornation," writes Secretary Fenton to Walsingham, "is as necessary as force." Instead of killing the greatest landowner in Munster by what he calls the "uncertain end of arms," the Chief Secretary of that day records how he told the Lord President to get some one to undertake that service "for the hire of a thousand pounds, with some further small gratification of Desmond's lands." The latest biographer of Ralegh, Mr. Edward Edwards, thus deals with his complicity in such transactions :

"On one other important matter, Ralegh, Carew, and Cecil were at one. In regard to what, in the phrase of their day, were called 'practices against rebels,' they were as little troubled with scruples of conscience as Sir Humphrey Gilbert, or Sir Henry Sidney, or Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton had been a few years earlier. In plain English, 'practices against rebels' meant the deliberate assassination of rebels, or even of persons vehemently

vehemently suspected of an intention to rebel. Cecil indeed avowed that he had a rooted objection to the killing of a rebel by poison."

Mr. Edwards here refers to Cecil's objection to the proposal to get rid of the Earl of Tyrone by poison ; but I doubt if it is fair to place him exactly on the same footing in this matter as Ralegh and Carew. The latter certainly thought any means lawful by which the lands of the Irish chiefs could be obtained. Mr. Froude quotes a letter of his, written in 1602 to the Lord Deputy Mountjoy, in which he describes how Hugh O'Donnell, who had gone to Spain for assistance, was followed by a hired assassin, who poisoned him in the castle of Simancas. The assassin, Carew writes, "at his coming in Spain was suspected by O'Donnell, because he embarked at Cork ; but afterwards he insinuated his access and O'Donnell is dead. He never told the President in what manner he would kill him ; but did assure him it should be effected." In Carew's original letter in the Public Record Office, he says, "O'Donnell is poisoned." The words

words "poisoned," "President," and "kill" are in cipher. That Raleigh and Cecil were not entirely of one mind on this subject seems probable from the following letter, written, Mr. Payne Collier thinks, when Raleigh was in Ireland in October 1598:—

*To the Right Honorable Sir Robert Cecil, Knight,  
Principall Secretory to Her Majestie.*

"SIR,—It can be no disgrace if it weare knownen  
that the killinge of a rebel weare practised; for you  
see that the lives of anoynted princes are daylye  
sought, and we have always in Ireland geven head  
money for the killing of rebels who ar evermore  
proclaymed at a price. So was the Earle of  
Desmonde and so have all rebels been practised  
against. Notwithstanding I have written this  
enclosed to Stafford who only recommended that  
knave to me upon his credit. Butt for your sealf,  
you are not to be touched in the matter. And for

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me, I am more sorrye for beinge deceaved than for being declared in the practise.

“Your Lordships ever to do you service,

“W. RALEGH.

“He hathe nothinge under my hand butt a passport.”

The knave who got the passport was a paid murderer. Mr. Edwards surmises that the “being deceaved” refers to a case in which Sir George Carew describes how he himself had hired an assassin, to whom he gave “a pistol, some munitions, and ten pounds in money,” to kill John Fitz Thomas, the owner of a fine estate, but “one Coppinger, sometime a footman to Sir Walter Ralegh, who had promised him (the assassin) faythfullye to assist him,” snatched the weapon from his hand as he was about to shoot Fitz-Thomas in Arlow Woods, where they were passing with him alone.

*Elizabeth's Complicity in Assassination Plots*

Nor was it the example merely of the Deputies, Chief Secretaries, and the Presidents of Munster, with whom he associated in Ireland, that Raleigh had to guide him in this dark path. He had opportunities of knowing the Queen's secret sentiments, and he could hardly have been ignorant of the confidential precedents established by those who immediately preceded him in the career of "glory and fortune" in Ireland. The manuscripts calendared in our time by the Rolls Office terminate a controversy raised by John O'Neill, the great chief of Ulster, three hundred years ago. When Sir Henry Sidney invited him to an interview within the Pale, the answer was that "he had much affection for Sir Henry, but that the Deputy's predecessor, the Earl of Sussex, had twice attempted

attempted to assassinate him. That after such experience his timorous Irish would not trust him any more in English hands." Up to a recent period historians denounced this as a "foul libel upon the blunt and honest Sussex." The national traditions, however, had always supported O'Neill's charges. It was a question of the belief of the long-memoried people on the one side, and the incredulity of ill-informed writers on the other. But now the controversy is at an end. Mr. Froude himself has given the conclusive evidence to the world. In a letter from the Earl of Sussex to Queen Elizabeth, written from Ardbrachan on the 24th of August, 1561, he describes the arrival of two messengers from the camp of the victorious Irish chief, one of whom, named Grey, he proceeded to bribe.

"I swore him upon the Bible," writes the Lord Deputy, "to keep secret that I should say unto him, and assured him, if it were known during the time I had the government there, that besides the breach of his oath it should cost him his life. I used long circumstance in persuading him to serve

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your Highness, to benefit his country, and to procure assurance of living to him and his for ever by doing of that which he might easily do. He promised to do what I woud. In fine I brake with him to kill Shan O'Neill : and bound myself by an oath to see him have a hundred marks of land by the year to him and to his heirs for his reward. He seemed desirous to serve your Highness and to have the land : but fearful to do it, doubting his own escape after with safety, which he confessed and promised to do by any means he might escaping with his life.'"

Having quoted this despatch, Mr. Froude says : " Elizabeth's answer—if she sent any answer—is not discoverable. It is most sadly certain, however, that Sussex was continued in office." He adds : " The Lord Deputy's assassination plots were but the forlorn resources of a man who felt his work too heavy for him." Two years after this the English troops were again routed. A treaty of peace was accordingly made.

" Indentures were drawn " (says Mr. Froude) " on  
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the 17th of December 1563, in which the Ulster sovereignty was transferred to O'Neill in everything but the name ; and a treaty—such treaty as it was—required only Elizabeth's signature. When a second dark effort was made to cut the knot of the Irish difficulty. As a first evidence of returning cordiality a present of wine was sent to Shan O'Neill from Dublin. It was consumed at his table, but the poison had been unskilfully prepared. It brought him and half his household to the edge of death, but no one actually died. The guilt could not be fixed on Sussex. The crime was traced to an English resident in Dublin named Smith ; and if Sussex had been the instigator, his instrument was too faithful to betray him."

But why should Smith betray the Lord Deputy ? When put upon his trial he "confessed his guilt, took the entire responsibility upon himself, and declared that his object was to rid his country of a dangerous enemy." Smith no doubt knew that, though weak in the field, the Lord Deputy had influence in Dublin, and the result was that the convicted

convicted poisoner got off without punishment. Mr. Froude thinks the treachery of the Lord Deputy, the conduct of the inquiry, and the anomalous termination of it, would have been incredible had not the original correspondence, in which the facts are not denied, been now before us. Referring to the Queen's answer to John O'Neill's remonstrance against being thus practised upon, Mr. Froude says: "After the repeated acts of treachery which had been at least meditated towards O'Neill with Elizabeth's knowledge, she was scarcely justified in assuming a tone of innocent anger."

Ralegh knew all this. He knew also that Sir Henry Sidney had finally succeeded where Sussex failed, and that he succeeded by employing a friend and companion of Ralegh. Dr. Taylor describes how the Irish chief proceeded to the camp of the Hebridean Scots. "But," he goes on to say, "an emissary of the Government had preceded him. Piers, a British officer, a disgrace to his country and his profession, had undertaken the task of persuading

persuading the Scottish chief to murder his unsuspecting guest. At a given signal, the banqueting room was filled with soldiers, and all the Irish were slain. O'Neill's head was sent to Dublin, and Piers received a thousand marks from the Government as a reward for the murder." Hooker tells us that the head was carried to the Lord Deputy "by Captain Piers, by whose device the stratagem, or rather tragedie, was practised." Mr. Froude, whilst admitting that O'Neill and his friends in the banqueting hall were murdered, says but little of Captain Piers' conduct. "Four days later," he tells us, "Piers hacked the head from the body and carried it on a spear's point through Drogheda to Dublin, where, staked upon a pike, it bleached on the battlements of the castle, a symbol to the Irish world of the fate of Celtic heroes." But Mr. Froude, perhaps, sees that it was a symbol to the Irish world of something else too.

*Burghley disapproves of Oppression*

This Captain Piers, Captain Ralegh, and Sir William Morgan were subsequently joined in the one commission under which they exercised martial law, or rather martial executions without law, in the county of Cork. The lessons which were thus taught to Ralegh, and which he practised without scruple, gained him a great estate and the confidence of Elizabeth, but did not serve him in certain other influential quarters. The Lord Treasurer did not like such work. He had contributed to the true glory of his own country and the future happiness of the Netherlands by denouncing the bloody Duke of Alva and opposing the bigotry and tyranny of the foreign rulers of Holland. He looked askance at Sir Walter Ralegh, and treated many of his importunities with

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silence. The year after Ralegh had written from Cork complaining that the Earl of Ormond was not severe enough in Munster, and that what was wanted was the fire and sword of Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Ralegh's half-brother), who boasted of "putting man, woman, and child to death," Lord Burghley wrote to Sir Henry Wallop, the War Treasurer for Ireland, on the 10th of June, 1582, "that the Flemings had not such cause to rebel against the oppression of the Spaniards as the Irish against the tyranny of England." In repeating this sentence of the greatest statesman of the sixteenth century, Mr. Froude \* observes with truth that Lord Burghley possessed the rare quality of being able to recognise the faults of his own countrymen.

\* 'History of England,' x. vol. p. 604.

XIII

*Burghley's Policy thwarted*

But in spite of his commanding position, the English Minister failed. Not for the first or last time, the officials in Ireland thwarted and defeated the good intentions of a statesman in London. Lord Burghley touched the root of the evil, when he instructed the Treasurer Wallop, that confiscated lands in Ireland were not to be given to persons, but to offices.\* Writing from Dublin, Sir Henry Wallop bitterly complains of these instructions, and of "the Lord High Treasurer's harshness" in the matter. It is evident that the Queen and Walsingham did not concur with the Prime Minister. Had the policy of the Prime Minister been carried out, the Devon and Dorset adven-

\* 'State Papers'—Ireland, vol. xci. p. 2.

turers would have returned to their homes in England, with whatever pay they might have saved, instead of remaining in Ireland as alien landlords. Lord Burghley's instructions would have enabled some lands to be attached to the office of Governor or Deputy Governor of Cork, but Sir Walter Ralegh would not have got the castles and farms and abbey lands along the shores of the Black-water. The English Minister of that day fore-saw what the English historian who describes the period has exposed, the effect upon the Irish people of rewarding the adventurers with land. "These western gentlemen," says Mr. Froude, "had been trained in the French wars, in the privateer fleets, or on the coast of Africa, and the lives of a few thousand savages were infinitely unimportant to them. The extinction of the Irish was contemplated with as much indifference as the destruction of the Red Indians by the politicians of Washington, and their titles to their lands as not more deserving of respect. The Irish, it is true, were not wholly savages ; they belonged, as much as the English

themselves, to the Arian race; they had a history, a literature, laws and traditions of their own, and a religion which gave half Europe an interest in their preservation; but it is no less certain that to these intending colonists they were of no more value than their own wolves, and would have been exterminated with equal indifference.”\*

Ralegh has been censured for recommending his half-brother’s vigorous measures, but in justice to him it should be remembered that his most intimate companions have recorded similar deeds of their own when claiming Irish lands or seeking preferment. Sir Nicholas Malbie, writing to Walsingham in April 1580, says:—

“ This day the forces which I have entertained took the strong castle of Dwnemene from Shane MacHubert and put the ward, both men, women, and children to the sword.” Captain Zouche, at the same time, reports to the Secretary of State

\* ‘History of England,’ vol. x. ch. 59, p. 233.

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the taking of a castle in the county of Limerick in these words :—

“ They made no defence of fyght, butt the howse being entered they yielded, and sum sought to swim away, but there escaped nott one, neither of man, woman, nor child.” Sir Richard Bingham, a colleague of Ralegh in the Smerwick executions, describing the subsequent fight at Ardnary in Connaught, says :—

“ The number of their fighting men slain and drowned that day we estimated and numbered to be fourteen or fifteen hundred, besides boys, women, churls and children, which could not be so few, as so many more and upwards.”

In stigmatising such acts, Mr. Froude refers to Sir Peter Carew “ murdering women and children, and babies that had scarcely left the breast,” and he adds :—

“ The English nation was shuddering over the atrocities of the Duke of Alva. The children in the nurseries were being inflamed to patriotic rage and madness by tales of Spanish tyranny. Yet

Alva's bloody sword never touched the young, the defenceless, or those whose sex even dogs can recognise and respect.”\*

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*Irish Council and Judges oppose Burghley's  
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Burghley saw the evil consequences to England, as well as to Ireland, of this anti-Irish policy. But he stood almost alone. At rare intervals and in the earlier part of her reign Elizabeth supported him. Her officials in Ireland, however, obstructed Burghley at every point. In those days the Irish judges were politicians as well as jurists. In those days the Irish Privy Council represented one interest only. The head of the judicial bench spoke of the Prime Minister's suggestions of pardons and remedial measures, as “agreeing to

\* ‘History of England,’ vol. x. ch. 59, p. 251-2.

recompense

recompense felonious offences," and, instead, the Lord Chancellor's policy was summed up in one word, "hanging." Though there is something more judicial in the halter than in the other instrument of death, this representative of justice in Ireland wrote a letter to Walsingham, in which he expresses his opinion that it would "have been better, if ten years past the Governor had put on determination to subject the whole Irishry to the sword." The members of the Irish Privy Council were as much opposed to Burghley's views as the judges, and so indeed were nearly all the officials. From the permanent staff of Dublin Castle, down to the newly appointed magistrates in Kerry and Cork, there appeared to be a dogged determination to act against the wishes of Burghley and to rule Ireland by coercion alone. The combination of the impolitic official element in Ireland was too strong for the wise Lord Treasurer. Carefully selected Lord Deputies failed him. Secretaries that he sent to Dublin Castle armed with his prudent counsel and their own good intentions, gave

gave way to the dominating spirit of the Pale and became coercionists. He had no real Parliament, no English press, no influential public opinion to support him. But though he could not carry his policy, he lived long enough to see the Nemesis that was coming.

## XV

*Ralegh's Agrarian Troubles*

It is exactly three centuries since the sound advice of one of England's best statesmen was swept aside to make way for the selfish schemes of the oligarchy of the Pale. In vain he said do not drive the Irish people from the soil; do not give confiscated lands to individuals. In his library at Hatfield are recorded the first pages in that sad complaint which has gone on from generation to generation, now sinking and now rising, a chorus of the oppressed and the oppressors. Sir Walter Ralegh was one of the first to feel the consequences

quences of his own injustice. The remnant of the Irish peasants that escaped the sword had hardly been forced to cross the Blackwater to the mountains and woods, leaving the fields of Desmond to the new tenants from Devonshire, when the grievances of the landlord reached the ear of Cecil. The Lord Treasurer and the English Council had received a significant report from the Commissioners for surveying the seigniories of the escheated lands, dated from Youghal, October 1586. "At Lismore and Youghal," they wrote, "we have stayed these eight days in meeting and bounding such lands as we hear Sir Walter Rawley is to have, which hath been exceedingly difficult and painful by reason that the lands having been long waste, and generally overgrown with deep grass, and in most places with heath, brambles, and furze, whereby, and by the extremity of rain and foul weather, we have been greatly hindered in our proceeding; and, for that we find all the gentlemen undertakers and their associates that came hither to be again departed into England,

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we surcease from further dealing therein until the spring."

The following year a rough survey was completed and Raleigh's courage and vigour enabled him to begin, in the words of his leases, "the repeopling of the Province of Munster." At first he murmured about the physical difficulties of reclearing the sort of secondary jungle that had sprung up on the removal of the old agricultural population. Any natives that came from the woods and mountains were unfriendly to the new settlers. Even when a sort of truce was proclaimed, and they were offered sustenance and wages instead of the rope, or the edge of the sword, Raleigh could not get them to assist in moving the timber his colonists cut down, or to do a stroke of useful work. This form of passive resistance embarrassed and annoyed the undertaker, who turned to the Government—what was called the Government—for a remedy. At first the Government tried to assist him. The refusal of workmen to do work was to be treated as a sort of treason. New schemes of coercion  
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were invented, but they did the settlers no good. Dublin Castle at length got tired of Raleigh's suggestions.

Raleigh then turned to England and complained of Dublin Castle. Whilst he could not get his own rents and profits, the trifling sum payable to the Crown was dragged from him by distress warrants, evictions and costly legal processes. His English are not protected by the Lord Deputy. The Lord Deputy encourages rebels to push out Englishmen from his castles and farms. The sheriff carries off five hundred milch kine from his people for an alleged debt of fifty marks which Raleigh believed he had paid, but which was not only enforced again but magnified into a debt of four hundred pounds. His poor Devon farmers are left without cattle in a strange country newly set down to build and plant. He and his colonists look around in vain for sympathy. The Irishry of the woods and bogs are no worse than the Dublin Castle agents. "The doting Deputy," he finally writes, "hath dispeopled me."

Raleigh's despairing cry might have been the echo

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of the last words of the hunted Earl of Desmond, of whose penalties as well as of whose forfeitures, he seemed to be the political heir. Even at the other side of the Channel, the "Curse of Sherborne," as it was called, pursued him. When nothing of his vast Irish estates remained to him but the old Castle of Inchequin Ralegh, he writes to Cecil in 1603, of his other property:—

"My tenants refuse to pay my wife her rent. I hold divers leases upon forfeiture, in that mannor, of myne own tenants. Alas! all goes to ruin of that littell which remaynethe. My woods ar cutt down; my grounds wast; my stock—which made up my rent—sold. And except sume end be had, by your good favor to the Kinge, I perishe every waye.

"This I leve to your tyme and charetabell care, and rest your Lordship's miserabell poore frind, ever to be cummanded by yow,

"W. RALEGH.

"Of £3,000 a yeare ther remayns but £300; and uppon that £3,000 debt."

*His Queenstown Estate*

Burghley had seen that Raleigh's application for Irish lands was made in a spirit that boded ill for the future relations of the two kingdoms. Raleigh's letter to Sir Francis Walsingham of 1581, in which he asks for an estate, secretly denounces his general, the Earl of Ormond, for not being severe enough with the Irish. He begins by saying how he wished to occupy the Castle of Barry's Court and the adjoining island, "being a great strength and a safety for all passengers between Corke and Voughal," but the Earl of Ormond, "unwillinge any Inglyshman should have anything, stayed the taking thereof." He then says: "I pray God her Majesty do not finde that she hathe spent a hundred thousand pounds more; she shall at last be driven by too dere experience to send an Inglyshe President to follow these

these malicious traytors with fier and sword." The English President he suggests in place of Ormond is his own kinsman, Sir Humphrey Gilbert. He then protests that his sole object is the love of the Queen and her service.

"I beseiche your Honor to take my bold writing in good part, protesting before Hyme that knoweth the thoughtes of all hartes that I writ nothing but moved thereto for the love I bere to her Highness and for the furtherance of her service."

A more substantial motive, however, appears in the closing sentences of the letter:—

"I beseich your Honor that I may by your means enjoy the keping of this Barre Court and the island; or that it will please your Honor to writ to my Lord Deputy that he will confirm it unto mee."

The Lord Deputy confirmed the grant, but Burghley advised the Queen not to sanction it.

This estate, which extended from Rostellan Castle to Fota, included one side of Cork harbour, and was coveted by Ralegh for many good reasons. He was a sailor as well as a colonist; and, if he

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was fated to be the first colonial governor in America, and an administrator of an English colony in Munster, he was destined to be an admiral of the Royal Navy also. Hence his land ✓ hunger included not only a strong castle or two, but the idea of a residence near the sea, where he could have easy access to his ships, and where he could indulge his passion for mercantile speculation. Mr. Goldwin Smith, in his Oxford lectures, says : “ The eagles took wing for the Spanish main ; the vultures descended upon Ireland.” Ralegh seems to have united some of the characteristics of both.

## XVII

*His Blackwater Estate*

Two years after he was deprived of Barre Court, and in little more than a year after his first expedition to America, he was a successful suitor to Queen Elizabeth for forty-two thousand acres in the province

✓ province of Munster. A marginal note in her own handwriting on the warrant attests the Queen's anxiety to hasten the completion of the grant. Amidst the foreign undertakers who were devouring the lands of the Earl of Desmond and the plunder of the Church, Raleigh evidently was the favourite, and was allowed to pick and choose. He began at the "havan roiall" of Youghal, and at both sides of the river he took the best that could be found. Mr. Edwards says, "Raleigh's broad lands were thickly wooded;" and he surmises that this led him into a commercial speculation, which for many years gave him trouble, and involved him in eventual loss.

But there was something on this Blackwater property besides timber. A man of Raleigh's literary and historic tastes cannot have been entirely insensible to traditions of intellectual culture, some of them then very recent. From the upper windows of the house he occupied, close to the College of Earl Thomas, he could look across the river to his hills of Ardmore, which hid the *Cloig-theach*, one of the best preserved round towers

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of Ireland. On this part of his property stood the ✓  
Oratory of St. Declan, and the sculptured cathe-  
dral in which he might have seen the mysterious  
Ogham stones, that are perhaps the earliest efforts  
at writing in Western Europe. If any of the  
English undertakers noticed such antiquities, it  
should have been Raleigh, for the only Ogham  
stone found in England was discovered at Fardel  
in Devonshire, where his father was born. Molana  
Abbey, where Raymond le Gros is buried, was  
granted to Raleigh the year after the monastery was  
dissolved. In 1586 the Dominican Friary, that had  
been built in Youghal by Thomas Fitzmaurice Fitz-  
gerald in 1268, was granted to Raleigh. During  
his mayoralty of Youghal in 1587 he ordered  
or allowed the destruction of this fine building,  
the massive piers and broken arches of which still  
remain. Raleigh's agents in the demolition, accord-  
ing to a book published in 1620, were unfortunate.  
"An Inglyshman breaking down the monastrie of  
S. Dominiques in Youghull fell dead from the  
toppe of the Church, all his limmes being broken,

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A.D. 1587. Also three soldiers which did cast downe and burne the hollye roode of that monastrie died within one seanight after they had done it.”\*

The miraculous image of the Virgin, which made this monastery famous throughout Europe, was saved from Raleigh and his soldiers by the daughter of one of the Geraldines whom he had pursued. The silver case in which the beautiful ivory image is preserved, bears this inscription :

“Orate pro anima Onorii filiae Jacobi de Geraldinus qæ. me fieri fecit. Anno Dni. 1617.”

From Raleigh’s time to this there has been a perpetual succession of Dominican custodians of the ruined abbey and the sacred image, the Rev. B. Russell of Cork being the present holder of that office.

The Preceptory of the Knights Templars at Rincrew and the confiscated lands of the order were granted to Raleigh by letters-patent that are

\* ‘Theatre of Catholique and Protestant Religion,’ p. 124, quoted by the Rev. S. Hayman.

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still preserved in the Duke of Devonshire's archives at Lismore.

## XVIII

### *His Educational Policy*

The reputation for learning, which made Lismore known to European scholars before Oxford was founded, may have induced Ralegh to select it as a place for a school; but the school he endowed, like others of later times, was a failure, because it was avowedly established to destroy the faith of the people. Dr. Caulfield, in one of his valuable contributions to Irish history,\* quotes the original grants of the Queen to Ralegh, including "the patronage or gift of the wardenship of Our Lady's College of Youghall." Before Ralegh got it, the Corporation of Youghal applied in vain for this endowment, which the Queen at first decided

\* Council Book of Youghal, xliv.

should be still employed "in the well bringing up of children in learning and the mayntance of others according to the foundation." But, beyond his selecting the warden's house for his own residence, no evidence can be found that Raleigh took any interest in saving or reviving the College. It had been a sort of Catholic University. Those who are interested in the history of Irish education can trace to this useful endowment of the Geraldines a little of the learning and classical taste that the Western Island assisted in diffusing in some parts of the Continent until the new school of Educationists arose in the reign of Elizabeth to reform and destroy.

It is easy to blame Raleigh for looking unmoved at the ruins of a Catholic University or sharing in its spoils. But, in this, he was controlled by the policy of Her Majesty's Government; a policy briefly summed up,—“we must put a stop to priestcraft and superstition in Ireland: we must take the responsibility of educating the Irish in our own way.” In a few years he realised in his agrarian troubles

troubles some of the moral and social consequences of this imprudent policy. For this he is more to be pitied than blamed : especially when we remember that what are called leading Catholic laymen have played a somewhat similar part as educationists in later times, and with a like result as regards their own comfort and the peace of their country. He did not, however, trouble himself much with such questions.

## XIX

### *The National Cause and the Land Question*

The more one looks into the details of Ralegh's connection with Ireland, the more the accuracy of Mr. Lecky's statement is seen, that theological animosity did not then play the leading part in Irish history. Ralegh's letters from Ireland also show the soundness of Mr. Lecky's judgment as to the slight importance attached at that time to nationalist views. No doubt, eighty years later, the

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policy of Charles the First in Ireland, as Lord Beaconsfield \* has shown, by its recognition of an independent Irish Parliament and a real Irish Executive, under the Crown, established for the moment, what Thomas Davis would call a national conservative government. But the elevating sentiment of Nationality, the antidote, as Mr. Justin M'Carthy observes,† to much that is unwholesome, vulgar, and debasing, was overshadowed when Raleigh was in Ireland. The land question was the dominating question of Raleigh's day. It ruled him from the moment he set foot in Ireland to the last hour in which he was able to affect the fortunes or misfortunes of the country. Without mentioning his name, Mr. Lecky indicates the real Raleigh spirit when he speaks of the taste for adventure, the dislike of routine, the extreme desire to find out new and rapid paths to wealth, that characterised the Elizabethan age—a desire showing itself in the

\* Speech on the state of Ireland, Hansard's Debates, February 16, 1844.

† 'Nineteenth Century,' March, 1880, p. 421.

form of discovery, of piracy, of a passion for Irish land. The Government policy was, as Mr. Lecky says, to root out the Irish from the soil, to confiscate the property of the septs, and plant the country with English tenants. He observes how Edmund Burke, in one of his letters to Sir Hercules Langrishe, gives the real clue to Irish history from the accession of Elizabeth, in asserting that the true genius and policy of the English Government was directed to the total extirpation of the interests of the natives in their own soil; that this was the original scheme, and that it was never deviated from for a single hour during the whole reign of Elizabeth. That Edmund Burke should have thus, in a passing remark, shown so exact an appreciation of the subject, Mr. Lecky attributes to his great intellect as well as to the fact that he studied Irish history with care. But the little boy that was reared at Castletown Roche, and Monanimy, on the banks of the Blackwater, where the estates of Ralegh came close to those of Spenser, and in the midst of a peasantry ever whispering of those days,

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may possibly have picked up something in his uncle Nagle's house and in the school near Kilavullen more useful to him as a student of real history than what he afterwards found in the library of Trinity College. Though in the days of Raleigh the land question thus dwarfed the religious and the purely national ones, it is impossible not to see that whatever influence the Catholic Church and the awakening national sentiment of Ireland could exercise, was a conservative influence in the truest sense of the word. That influence was an influence on the side of order, of an ancient civilisation and of property, as opposed to the destructive policy of men like Raleigh—something that in course of time would enable a Sovereign who wields great moral power to use such words in writing to the Irish Bishops as “*justam patriæ causam*,” and “*publica populi Hiberni causa*,” whilst condemning unhallowed societies, agrarian outrages, and the infamous practice of assassination.

**XX**

*"This Loste Land"*

If the literature of the Elizabethan age has been unrivalled, and the statesmanship of Burghley almost unrivalled, it must also be admitted that there never were so many Englishmen of commanding ability employed in the attempted subjugation of Ireland, as in the time of Ralegh. In the seven centuries of suffering, no Lord Lieutenants, Secretaries, Councillors, and Captains, can compare with such a group as Sussex, Sydney, Grey, Perrot, Mountjoy, Russell, Carew, Spenser and Ralegh. The commonplace mediocrities of later times have shared with those illustrious men good intentions to begin with, and despair to finish with. All alike have followed in the beaten track of the three steps, hope, coercion, failure. No Englishman in Ireland, in the long history of misrule, had greater self-reliance and determination

determination than Raleigh. No one was more devoted to his Queen, or more sincerely resolved to make the Western Island a sort of flourishing outpost of Devon and Cornwall. With his master, Lord Grey, and his companion Spenser, he commences full of confidence. The confidence gives place to repressive measures, suited to the fashion of the age—women hanged, children put to the sword, Irish leaders poisoned by hired assassins. Lord Grey, after governing and struggling for years, writes to the Queen that he is ruined and the country is ruined, and he implores to be recalled. Raleigh sums it all up in three words, “this loste land!” A popular song of our own day describes in a single line current events as well as Spenser’s ‘State of Ireland,’ and Raleigh’s rule in Munster:

“The most distressful country that ever yet was seen!”

—distressful indeed, not alone because of seven hundred years of national pain, but because of the sad shipwreck of noble reputations, the judgments pronounced by each succeeding generation  
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upon the well-meaning British officials who earned the dislike of millions of poor people one day, and in the next the condemnation of their own historians and countrymen. What English historian now defends the Irish policy of Ralegh and Spenser? Who can turn without a pang from that page in the 'State of Ireland' in which the Lord Deputy's Secretary describes the thin faces of the Irish peasants, who were dying for want of food? Who does not feel a still sharper pang on reading how he welcomed the depopulation of the country as being the best for English rule? The shadow of Dublin Castle never fell upon a Secretary of gentler disposition, or finer genius. Centuries may pass before there can come another with such culture, and so refined a character, to behold, as Spenser did, the familiar scene of hunger-worn peasants, to take, as Spenser did, the responsibility of trying to rule a people he did not know.

*Land Commission to fix Rents*

The Irish land question undoubtedly puzzled Elizabeth's advisers. Projects without end were submitted to her. In the same volume of the State Papers for 1577, is a report from the Irish Chancellor to Walsingham referring to the "cruelty of the landlords," reducing the "tenants to be starved beggars," and a despatch from the Lord Deputy to the Queen, in Council, recommending "Commissioners to settle the rent, landlords shall take of their tenants,"\* and also desiring "a Commission to compound for arrears." The undertakers constituted a sort of land corporation to substitute loyal tenants from England for what was left of the stubborn Irish. The land Commissioners fail, the arrears Commissioners fail, the

\* State Papers—Ireland, vol. lvii. 5.

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English tenants fail. Lord Burghley's two main ideas, that the lands should not be given to individuals, and that the remnant of the Irish should be encouraged to administer their own local affairs, were not tried ; but the schemes of inferior men, sometimes of obscure and almost unknown persons, were welcomed by Elizabeth ; reformation one day, extirpation the next. All experiments that had the character of national vivisection were encouraged, but all in vain.

XXII

*Destruction of Irish Woods*

In addition to the women and children, there were other helpless and innocent objects to be rooted out as enemies to Queen Elizabeth ; and, as to these, no man cut down and destroyed more than Ralegh. In a letter addressed to Lord Burghley in the year 1588, Mr. George Longe  
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urges the Lord Treasurer to transfer to Ireland thirteen out of the fifteen glass manufactories then existing in England, for the reason that “the woods in England will be thereby preserved and the superfluous woods in Ireland wasted, than which in tyme of rebellion her Majestie hath no greater enemy there.”\* Raleigh, actuated by a better motive, that of simply trying to make money, brought over bands of English woodcutters, and soon made short work of venerable groves of oak and yew trees, wherever the waterway of the Avondue and its tributaries could convey the lumber to his ships at Youghal. He obtained a monopoly for exporting pipe-staves to the Continent, and for some years the wines of France, Spain, and even Italy came to England in hogsheads of Irish wood. Raleigh’s letters and the Privy Council Records show that this destructive monopoly reacted upon him in reputation and in purse. It involved him in lawsuits, and in quarrels with

\* Sir H. Ellis’s ‘Original Letters,’ vol. iii. p. 159.

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the Executive. But, like his political policy, it left its marks on the country. When Spenser first welcomed Raleigh to Kilcolman Castle, he says it was

“bordered with a wood  
Of matchless hight, that seem'd the earth to disdain,  
In which all trees of honour stately stood.”

In a few years not a tree was left, and the demesne that was described as “the woody Kilcoman” became a few naked fields surrounding the bare and burnt walls of the castle. And so throughout Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, and Waterford, Elizabeth's undertakers did their work. The cutting down of the Irish forests because they sheltered the Irishry is frequently mentioned in the State Papers of this period. What remained of the full-grown trees on Raleigh's former estates, were dealt with for a more legitimate purpose in the following reign. In a note in the Carew Papers by John Powey, ship carpenter, he gives the number of trees marked “along the river of Youghal” for the King's ships, in two months of 1611, as amounting to 7500 trees

trees to be felled. The ancient chroniclers who called Ireland *Fiodha Inis*, the island of the trees, did so not merely because it was well wooded by nature, but because the natives, at a time when little was known elsewhere of the advantages of tree-planting, fostered the art, and especially surrounded the numerous abbeys, the seats of religion and learning, with groves. Even Mr. Froude cannot read the testimony of one of Raleigh's comrades on this subject without drawing the contrast between the Irish "traitors" and the English undertakers. In Sir R. White's diary (1580) he says: "A fairer land the sun did never shine upon ; pity to see it lying waste in the hands of traitors ;" whereupon Mr. Froude observes : " Yet it was by those traitors that the woods, whose beauty they so admired, had been planted and fostered. Irish hands, unaided by English art or English wealth, had built Muckross and Innisfallen and Aghadoe."\*

Whether or not Lord Burghley's correspondent

\* 'History of England,' vol. xi. p. 225.

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was right in saying that the Queen had no greater enemy than the Irish trees, their fate, at all events, showed the possibility of a physical destruction that time has been unable to repair. With the people the result has been different, though they were treated to a similar process by the same men.

XXIII

*Burghley and Raleigh Anti-Papal*

On one point only was Raleigh's policy in Ireland in entire accord with the views of the Prime Minister. No doubt when Burghley used the serious words Mr. Froude quotes, that the Irish had more cause to rebel against the tyranny of England than the Netherlanders against the tyranny of Spain, the Prime Minister had in his mind long years of severe repression, as well as the immediate proceedings of undertakers such as Raleigh. But whilst Burghley, like his brilliant

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successor\* of our day, could thus feel in a sort of historical conscience a justification of Irish rebellion, he was, of all English premiers, with perhaps one exception, the most determined enemy of Vaticanism. On the land question, the great Cecil preferred a native proprietary to the system of foreign undertakers and absentee landlords, which he foresaw would involve chronic trouble to England; but he was overruled. He would have yielded local self-government to the demands of Hugh O'Neill, but his wise counsels were pushed aside for those who boasted that they could establish permanent order by never giving way to Irish sentiment. Nevertheless, he heartily supported Ralegh and the Irish administration of that day in priest-hunting. When the undertakers cried out that a hostile population was closing in upon them and crimes of violence spreading, Burghley joined with the others in saying, root out Popery. When Adam Loftus, the Protestant Archbishop, wrote to

\* Mr. Disraeli : House of Commons, February 1844.

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him that villages of English settlers in his diocese had been burned and the settlers murdered, and that his life was daily threatened by the recently formed secret associations of native assassins, the reply was, extirpate the old religion, and teach the Irish morality in your own way.

## XXIV

*The Last National Archbishop of Cashel*

Ralegh was then in Ireland active in a career of cruelty. He had not then learnt the lesson he repeated in years to come, when writing those touching letters from the Tower, appealing to the mercy of James the First,—“Compassion hath ever bynn repayd with compassion, and cruelty with cruelty.” When he so wrote he may perhaps have remembered his former letter to Robert Cecil, announcing the capture of Father John Mooney, “an Irishman and a notabell

stout villayne," and the sort of "examination" he put him through: or he may, perhaps, have recollected with remorse the despatches from Dublin Castle about the Archbishop of Cashel, Dr. Hurley—how the Lords Justices wrote to Walsingham, "We have neither rack nor other engine of torture in Dublin Castle to terrify Dr. Hurley; the Tower of London would be a better place for his examination;" then in a few months, "We made commission to Mr. Secretary Fenton to put him to the torture, such as your Honour (Walsingham) advised us, which was to toast his feet against the fire with hot boots. We recommend he should now be executed by martial law, as the best lawyers doubt whether he can be found guilty of an offence against the law in Ireland:"\* the native historians state that when one of the boots was taken off, the flesh came away, leaving the bones of the leg and foot bare.†

\* State Papers—Ireland, vol. cviii. 8.

† Dr. Renham's 'Lives of the Irish Archbishops,' vol. i.  
p. 254.

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“As he can hardly be convicted by a jurie,” answers Walsingham, “hir majestie’s pleasure is that you take a shorter way with him.”\* Finally comes the despatch from the Castle, reporting Dr. Hurley’s execution without trial,—simply by order of Archbishop Loftus and Sir H. Wallop,—on the 17th of June, 1584.

Possibly Elizabeth agreed with Walsingham and Raleigh that all this “would teach a lesson,” and that Dublin Castle would never be troubled again by a National Archbishop of Cashel. And yet when Raleigh was at Lismore with Sir George Carew, in September 1589, he might have heard it whispered how a man dressed like a poor peasant had passed on that way to Tipperary to kneel in the ruined chapel of Cormac, the successor of Archbishop Hurley, one of a long unbroken line, from that day to this, of Archbishops of Cashel.

\* State Papers, vol. cxi. 12.

*Ralegh opposes Meiler Magrath*

The prelate referred to by Ralegh in his letter of May 1596 was not of this line. He was one of Elizabeth's creations, an Anti-Irish Irishman who reflected but little credit on the Queen or the Church of England. The State Papers contain ample evidence justifying Ralegh's account of him. Indeed, whatever fault may be found with Ralegh for his maltreatment of old educational endowments and his appropriation of Church lands, it must be admitted that his attempt to substitute Hugh Broughton for Archbishop Meiler Magrath in the see of Lismore, showed a sincere desire on Ralegh's part to promote the true interests of the newly created State Church, as opposed to the jobbery of ecclesiastics like Loftus and Magrath.

“The Archebischopp of Cashell,” writes Ralegh,  
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"is a man whome I thinck my Lord Treasurer hathe little cause to favor... I doe fynde noe better meanes in releffe of my self, fartheraunce of relygon and conforte of all myne Inglyshe tenants and frendes, than in preferring some other of better sorte to the bishopprikke of Lesmore and Waterferde wherof the Archbishop hathe but a commende, and hathe, besydes, twoe or three other bishoprickes." In place of Magrath, Ralegh suggests "Master Hugh Broughton, a man well knownen to all the lerned docters and scollers of Englande....a man able to do moche good and be a greate conforte to all our Inglishe nation thereaboughtes, and encrease of relygyon."

Ralegh's interest was powerful in England, but Magrath had secured the Irish Council. In the ninety-sixth volume of the State Papers for 1582, there are some characteristic memorials of the Archbishop : he suggests that, in certain cases, no judge, jury, or witness, should be allowed who had not taken the oath of supremacy. Soon after he goes further, and "wishes for authority to impose  
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the oath of supremacy upon all manner of persons within the whole province of Cashel." He then prays for " the grant of the fee farm of the monastery of Tuam in Tipperary ;" and about the same time he "desires the custodiam of all livings, except the bishopricks, in Ulster :" so that his ecclesiastical ambition stretched from one end of the island to the other. For half a century he held five bishopricks and many livings. But he had no flock. Sir Robert Cecil writes of him in 1600 as "a most turbulent spirit ;" and in the following year he says, "Great scandal is bruited about the Archbishop of Cashel, that he doth very irreligiously suffer his church to lie like a hog-sty. Expostulate with him for the honor of Her Majesty and God's Church wherein he hath so supreme a calling."

In 1610 a Royal Warrant records the fact that "the Archbishop of Cashel is seldom resident upon his see, but absent in the north upon his own temporal lands." Before this however, the Archbishop had asked for protection to enable him to

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live in his diocese. So far from acknowledging him, the poor people had captured him and his three sons, maliciously broken the Great Seal from his letters-patent, and made him pay a heavy ransom for his liberation.

Between this prelate of the State Church and the disguised Archbishop who ministered to the people in woods and caves, there was certainly a contrast; but between Meiler Magrath and Raleigh's candidate for the see of Lismore there was almost as great a contrast. Hugh Broughton was an Englishman of high character, an eminent divine and one of the most famous scholars of the English Church. Elizabeth had him in her mind for the see of London. And yet, with all Raleigh's influence, he could not succeed in getting for Broughton one of the plundered sees out of the grasp of a man whose conduct so seriously compromised the English cause—such as it was.

XXVI

*Ralegh's Testimony in the Lords in 1882*

The House of Lords recently displayed unwonted interest at hearing the name of Sir Walter Ralegh repeatedly mentioned. It was in connection with his Irish estates. Under Elizabeth's grant he not only broke the ancient Celtic tenures throughout the domains of the Desmonds, but he usurped also the popular fisheries of the Blackwater. The rights of the attainted Earl, of his tenants and of the fishermen of Youghal, were all sold by Ralegh for a few hundred pounds to Mr. Richard Boyle, first Earl of Cork. This astute and successful planter escaped with his life from the clutches of Lord Strafford to found, on the estates of Ralegh, more than one great house. His memory as a resident despot is to this day not cherished by the people, whilst, strange to say, his chief descendants

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are popular absentees. On the death of the fourth Earl of Cork in 1753, the Lismore and Youghal estates went to Lady Charlotte Boyle, the wife of the fourth Duke of Devonshire. After long litigation, the House of Lords finally decided in the last session that Sir Walter Raleigh's grant conveyed to the present Duke of Devonshire an absolute right of salmon fishing in the tidal waters of the Youghal river to the exclusion of the natural rights of the public. No one can blame the Duke for terminating by law a long dispute. The decision was based on the sweeping terms of the Queen's grant to Raleigh, as interpreted by English law. In that point of view it is sound and indisputable. But according to the customs that prevailed before the estates of the Geraldines came to Raleigh, it is alleged that there were popular privileges of fishing which the Desmonds, at the very height of their princely power, could not have taken from the people. From time to time, the inherent right of gathering food from the tidal waters was exercised by the common fishermen, though often disputed by

by the landlord. At length, three hundred years after it was signed, the deed of Elizabeth was brought back again from Lismore to London, and the shade of Raleigh came as it were to the Bar of the House of Lords in 1882, to testify against the claims of the Irishry. But whatever may be the historic interest of the decision, those who live on the banks of the Blackwater know that the just and kindly Cavendishes will not use the now established rights of Raleigh to the injury of the poor.

## XXVII

*Raleigh and Cromwell*

Mr. Froude has reminded us more than once of what Sir Walter Raleigh's first master, Lord Grey, said, that the only way to deal with Ireland was by "a Mahometan conquest." In the 'Nineteenth Century' for September 1880, Mr. Froude again refers to Lord Grey's suggestion as "a cruel but in  
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the long run merciful one," if Ireland is to be kept in subjection. Indeed, the historian has never disguised his bias in favour of a system of unrelenting severity and a bold attempt at extermination. Had Cromwell lived, he has often told us, the experiment would have been worked out. But he has hardly done justice to the great Protector or to the difficulties in his way. Long before his death Cromwell had realised the impossibility of exterminating a nation. He had tried it, but failed. Nor has our unrivalled historian done justice to his own favourite theme, for he overlooked the fact that his experiment had been previously tried, and, as far as it was possible, thoroughly tried. It was tried under circumstances the most favourable for its success, and such as never can occur again. It was tried by a man of genius, daring and no scruples—by a man who did not stand alone, but, with his resolute companions was backed up by whatever force England could afford. It was tried at a time more likely to insure success than in the days of Cromwell—at a time when

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novel improvements had been effected in the art of war and new weapons had been brought into use, but improvements and weapons employed, as Raleigh himself tells us, for some years by one side only. The man who, with these advantages, was able to try the experiment was not open to the imputation that Mr. Froude lays against the Geraldines and the still later Boyles and Cavendishes, that with their Irish estates they acquired some Irish feeling, and did not look at Ireland from a purely English point of view only. Mr. Edward Edwards says (vol. i. p. 320) :—

“ With the interests of Ireland, indeed, Raleigh gave himself no trouble. He looked at Irish affairs just as his fellow-soldiers and fellow-councillors looked at them, with preoccupations exclusively English. In Ireland he was an English soldier, and an English planter, and he was nothing more. . . . His face was set as flint against peddling interferences and temporary expedients in dealing with great evils. To cut the tap root rather than to spend precious time in pruning the branches was

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his maxim. And it may well be that occasionally he pressed it unduly."

Here was a man to Mr. Froude's heart. He not only wielded the sword himself, but, having gained the ear of his Queen by the thoroughness of his Irish policy, he never wavered in advising her to maintain undeviating severity, and the despotic ruler acted upon that advice. The wise Lord Treasurer had to submit in silence, and see the Mahometan system tried by this bold and vigorous captain and his martial-law companions—not tried by fits and starts, or for a few years only, but tried as persistently as they could do it and over a long period. The reign of Queen Elizabeth was not a short one. From the time when the Lord Deputy Sussex arranged with her for the assassination of John O'Neill down to her last interview with Ralegh was a period of forty years. During that time the only servants she rewarded for work in Ireland were the Mahometan-conquest ones. It was not victories she rewarded so much as severity and the effort to exterminate. Sussex with his  
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hired assassins and poisoners, was a failure, but still he was rewarded. Ormond was recalled by her from Ireland, and the second Essex ruined, partly because Raleigh whispered that they mingled some thought of Irish interests in the English work she had given to them. Mr. Froude's suggestion in favour of the policy of Cromwell would hardly be approved by the shade of Elizabeth's great Minister, if in the tomb he could hear it; nor would it be approved by the Minister of a truer woman and a better Queen, who, writing from Hughenden Manor in October 1870, said: "Ireland should be governed according to the policy of Charles the First, and not of Oliver Cromwell."\*

\* Mr. Disraeli's Preface to his collected works, 1870.

XXVIII

*Ralegh and Ormond*

Mr. Froude quotes Ormond's indignant letter to Burghley :

" My Lord, the clause in the Queen's letter seems most strange to me. I will never use treachery to any, for it will both touch her Highness's honour too much and mine own credit; and whosoever gave the Queen advice thus to write to me is fitter to execute such base service than I am. Saving my duty to her Majesty, I would I were to have revenge by my sword of any man that thus persuaded the Queen to write to me."

Ralegh was then at Court. His letters written from Cork in 1580 and 1581, secretly denouncing his general for not using the fire and sword enough, had gained him the Queen's regard before the romantic incidents of the velvet cloak and the lines

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written with the diamond ring upon the window occurred—or were invented. Ormond, it might be thought, was as unrelenting and thorough as Mr. Froude could wish, but he was not prepared to go quite as far as the Gilberts and Carews, to get the Irish to come in from the woods and mountains of Duhallow under pledges of protection for their lives, and then, seizing them unprepared, to hang them up, as Ralegh did, from the North Gate bridge to the Red Abbey of Cork. Mr. Froude's comment upon Ormond's letter of 1583 points, in a few words, the contrast between him and the English captains to whose charge Ireland was for so many years entrusted by Elizabeth : “To Ormond the Irish were human beings with human rights. To the English they were vermin to be cleared off the earth by any means that offered.”\*

Amongst the draft charges to be laid against the Earl of Ormond, was one to the effect that two

\* Froude's ‘History of England,’ vol. xi. p. 258.

assassins

assassins, hired by the Lord Lieutenant to murder Fitzgerald, the seneschal of Imokilly, were stopped and exposed by Ormond. That traitors should be prosecuted by the hired dagger was not agreeable to Ormond; and his private conversations denouncing the practice were reported to the Privy Council by Ralegh. The following is the passage in the Carew Papers, volume 607, page 71, from the articles against Ormond:

"Where two choice persons were entertained for the killing of the traitor Seneschal, and had undertaken the same, the matter not being revealed to any by the persons that entertained them, saving only to the Earl of Ormond, these executioners were no sooner arrived at the camp but they were apprehended by the Seneschal, and charged with the practice, and for the same executed, to the great grief of the persons that entertained them.

"Let Captain Bartley and Captain Rawley be examined of words privately uttered by the Lord General (Ormond) touching the prosecution of traitors. Persons to prove those articles: Sir

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George Bowcer, Sir William Morgan, Captain Bartley, and Captain Rawley."

## XXIX

### *Irish Self-government*

Sir John Perrott also experienced the adverse influence of Raleigh. He complains bitterly of Raleigh's opposition to him. As one of the leading gentlemen of the Pale, Raleigh supported his repressive measures, but opposed him in other things. The idea of giving real freedom to an Irish Parliament was not consistent with Raleigh's Irish policy. Few historians have noticed the fact that, at one moment in Elizabeth's reign, this all-important step was nearly taken.

Here again the oligarchy of the Pale defeated a wise project, and the Lord Deputy found the permanent staff of the Castle intriguing against the idea of an independent legislature for Ireland. A

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Bill for the repeal of Poyning's Act was duly certified by the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons in April 1585. On the 30th of May, Sir John Perrot writes to Walsingham: "There is no good meaning in the people of the Pale and borderers towards the composition intended, or anything else that is good. They have overthrown the repeal of Poyning's Act."\* The historian Cox also attributes the defeat on the third reading of the Bill for repealing Poyning's Act, to the "jealousy of some gentlemen of the Pale."† Indeed any plan that an enlightened English statesman might have had for giving to the Irish the responsibility of administering the affairs of their own country, was not likely to meet with much favour from the gentlemen of the Pale, and especially from that inner circle of the Pale composed of the judges and officials, with whom at that time Ralegh was cordially working.

\* State Papers, Ireland, vol. cxvi. 69.

† Cox's 'Reign of Elizabeth,' p. 384.

XXX

*Florence McCarthy*

Ralegh's letter to Cecil of the 4th of March, 1593, throws some light on a disputed point in Irish history,—the true character of Florence McCarthy. Ralegh knew him well. He met him as a boy in 1580. They corresponded on Irish affairs; and when Elizabeth welcomed McCarthy to London he and Ralegh were frequent companions at Court. The Celtic chief was being played off against the Norman Geraldines, until his romantic wedding offended the Queen. Elizabeth was planning an alliance between one of her officials in Munster and an Irish heiress, the Earl of Clancairn's daughter, when Florence suddenly left London for his native county and married the lady in spite of the Lord President's guards. For this the young bridegroom got his first experience

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of a State prison, in which he was, at different times, to spend over forty years. Long after his ill-starred marriage, for Cecil employed the wife as a spy upon the husband, Raleigh thus writes of him :—

“ Florence MacCarty is a man reconciled to the Pope, dangerous to the present State, beloved of such as seek the ruine of the Realme.” He adds,—“ He is not worthie to be relieved by her Majesties goodness. He may for a time dissemble, by occasion of his imprisonment in the Tower ; but he is not to be trusted.”

From his own point of view, Raleigh was doubtless right in his estimate of McCarthy, who, in spite of his early training at Court, was a patriot at heart,—“ a man infinitely adored in Munster,” as one of the Queen’s officers, in denouncing him, records.

The reference to Florence, in Raleigh’s letter of October 1601, also shows a true appreciation of McCarthy’s influence. Relying on their old friendship and the literary tastes they had in common,

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common, Florence, over and over again, writes to Cecil to refer his case to Raleigh's judgment. He was in fact appealing to that judgment at the very moment that Sir Walter was privately objecting to the contemplated pardon.

On the unwise but constantly recurring theory that peace and prosperity were alone to be secured by keeping Ireland down and governing her by Englishmen, Raleigh was justified in recommending Cecil not to let Florence McCarthy out of the Tower. Had Perrot's idea of a local Parliament with real powers been carried out, Florence McCarthy would have been a leader in the Irish House of Commons, the true friend of both kingdoms. He was a scholar, a man of enlightened views, and of a winning disposition. Like his old friend and political foe, he was a historian. Raleigh, who was one of the main agents in his imprisonment, became again his intimate companion in after-years. When he himself passed through the Traitors' Gate he found McCarthy in a cell, surrounded with books and manuscripts, writing

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his 'Treatise on the Antiquity and History of the Early Ages of Ireland.' McCarthy's History was preserved in his clear and minute handwriting for two centuries and a half, till it was edited and published by the late Dr. O'Donovan.

## XXXI

*His Last Advice to the Queen*

Another of that Celtic clan felt the weight of his influence. Having referred to the consistency with which Ralegh counselled the Queen to maintain an unrelenting demeanour towards the Irish, from the first word she heard him utter in 1582 to the last time she saw him in 1602, Mr. Edwards goes on to say how he did this alike in open conference with the Queen and in his private advice to her Ministers. He refers to his last recorded interview with Elizabeth about three months before her fatal illness. The question was,

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what should be done with respect to Cormac Mac-Dermod McCarthy, Lord of Muskerry. Cecil in his letter to Sir George Carew of November 4, 1602, mentions how he reported to her Highness that the President of Munster had already spoiled the country and taken the castles of Cormac. In his previous despatch from Cork, dated October 25, 1602, Carew reported how the towns had been burnt, and there were "killed and hanged divers poor men, women, and children appertaining to Cormocke." The fire and sword had swept from Carrigrohan to Inchigeelagh. The Queen heard again the words which for over forty years had been so often repeated at her Council table : "The rebels' country is utterly spoiled." Cecil thought some mercy might be shown to the hunted chief whose people were slain and whose castles were ruined, but he tells how the Queen turned to Sir Walter Ralegh. "Whereupon Sir Walter very earnestly moved her Highness to reject Cormac MacCarthy." He gave the old and sufficient reason, "because his country was worth her keeping."

keeping." The Queen, he adds, was "so wrought upon by Ralegh's advice as to give special charge about the next despatches to Munster : no pardon should be given to Cormac MacCarthy."

Such was Ralegh's last advice to Elizabeth. In a few months another sovereign was on the throne, and before long the friends of Ormond and of Essex were reminding the new King that the gallant Captain of the Guard had little scruples about the shedding of blood.

## XXXII

### *The Emigration and Re-peopling Plans*

In the lease made by Sir Walter Ralegh in 1588, and now to be seen in his house at Youghal,\* he describes himself as "one of the principal undertakers with Her Majesty for the repeopling of the

\* Appendix.

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land in the counties of Cork and Waterford." One of the main conditions on which he and the other undertakers got the confiscated estates, was that this repeopling should be by persons of English birth only, and that no Irish should be allowed to remain on the lands. It was not for any want of zeal or energy that Raleigh failed in this cardinal point of the undertaking. He had for eight years co-operated with Mackworth, Zouch, and Carew, in removing the Irish peasants from their own soil. Though the sword and the halter were freely used, the other two weapons for clearing the country, famine and emigration, were not neglected. The emigration which was promoted by Dublin Castle and its agents in the Tudor period was not across the Atlantic. The noble colonies, whose birth will ever be associated with the genius of Raleigh, had not become the new home of a formidable section of the Celtic race. The gallant captains who got the lands did their best to clear off the people, one of Raleigh's friends recording how they starved to death 30,000 in six months in

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the province of Munster by destroying the crops.\* But the State Papers of that day contain suggestions from more benevolent-minded persons in England, who thought emigration was the true remedy, but emigration across the Blackwater, and to the woods and mountains of Kerry. In any shape or form, however, the Irish race do not like emigration. Those who benevolently promoted the transfer of the people from the once fertile ploughlands of the Geraldines and the MacCarthys to the backwoods beyond the Pale, were as little loved by the poor emigrants as the Captains who pursued them in a rougher style. In their new homes among the mountains they remembered the fields where they had been born. By a sort of instinct which the foreign rulers were quite unable to comprehend, these dispossessed farmers looked upon the few well-intentioned and benevolent emigrationists much in the same light as they looked upon their enemies who wielded other weapons. Hence the emigration

\* Sir Warham Sentleger to the Queen, from Cork, 1582,  
vol. xci. 41.

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did not work well, and Ralegh soon found a double difficulty in his repeopling scheme.

In spite of the desolation described by Edmund Spenser, some Irish had survived in the vast districts where none but English were to live in future. This tempted the undertakers to break their engagements with the Government, as they thought the remnant of the hunted people might be utilised in again tilling the ground. The Lord Deputy could not understand this. Commissions were issued to inquire if any of the Irishry had been allowed to remain. The undertakers who connived at the breach of engagement were worried by the Castle.

On the other hand, from the rugged colonies of the emigrant race, there came messages and agents of disaffection. The Curfew Act failed to check the growth of midnight outrages. The lessons of assassination that Sussex, Carew, and Ralegh had taught the people began to be practised by both sides. From the distant mountain that Edmund Spenser has immortalised—

" . . . that

“ . . . that mountain gray,  
That walls the north side of Armulla dale ”

—there dropped down, one by one, active fomentors of trouble, until at length the gentle poet, but perhaps too severe soldier, fled broken-hearted from Kilcolman, whose roof (which had often sheltered Ralegh) he beheld for the last time in flames. “ My undertakers,” writes the Queen to the Lord President of Munster, “ either for lack of comfort from you or out of mere cowardice, fled away from the rebels upon the first alarm.” Elizabeth’s emigration scheme and Ralegh’s re-peopling scheme failed, having done more harm than good, as sometimes happens with well-meaning plans framed by one people for the management of another people.

XXXIII

*Dedication of the Irish Wars*

And here the question may perhaps be asked, how comes it that Mr. Froude tells us nothing of Raleigh's doings in Ireland and of his Irish policy? The one vague reference to him as having accompanied Lord Grey to the west of Ireland in 1580, is all he tells us about Raleigh. Mr. Froude says not a word about his being for twenty years the favourite adviser of the Queen on Irish affairs; not a word about the special training she desired, under her royal warrant of February 1582, that he should continue to receive in Irish affairs; not a word about his successful intrigue against Ormond, and barely a word about the reward he got of forty-two thousand acres in Munster. Of his doings as Deputy President of Munster, as Governor of Cork, as Mayor of Youghal, as the daring leader of the

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English soldiers in many a raid from the mouth of the Blackwater to the sources of the Lee, Mr. Froude is also silent. But on the last and not least important point—the result of the policy so recommended and enforced—Mr. Froude speaks out. “The entire province of Munster,” he says, “was utterly depopulated. Hecatombs of helpless creatures, the aged, and the sick, and the blind, the young mother and the babe at her breast, had fallen under the English sword; and though the authentic details of the struggle have been forgotten, the memory of a vague horror remains imprinted in the national traditions.”

The contemporary chronicle, Hooker’s Supplement to Holinshed, which is so often quoted by Mr. Froude, describes all this and gloats over it as a notable and rare example of a people being justly rooted out, as the true and rational settlement of the Irish difficulty. Hooker appropriately dedicates his record of those Irish wars to Sir Walter Ralegh, on the ground that the “right worthie and honorable gentleman and knight” was “a partie and a

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dooer, a painful and a faithful servitor" in those transactions, the effect of which he thus sums up in the same 'Epistle Dedicatore :—"The common people such as escaped the sword all for the most part are perished with famine or fled the countrie. The land itself, from beinge verie fertile, is waxed barren, yeelding nor corne nor fruits—the pastures without cattell: nothing there to be seene but miserie and desolation."

## XXXIV

*The National Traditions*

Here then was Mr. Froude's system tried. All succeeding efforts in that direction were less thorough. The "curse of Cromwell," the broken treaty of 1691, the way an insurrection was produced and punished in 1798, the means employed to repress local self-government in 1800, the coercive legislation that followed,—these were of the same character, no doubt, but less thorough. They have, however,

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served to stereotype that vague horror which Mr. Froude tells us remains in the traditions of the people of Ireland.

Are those terrible traditions all that remain of Raleigh's days in Ireland? How long are they to remain? What has been their effect in a country where the two main elements of social order—the religion of the people and the national sentiment—have not been allowed to play their legitimate part in the Government? Are those traditions growing, as political agents, less powerful with the increasing strength of popular spirit in Europe? How far does a frank admission of their vitality and their force enable us to look into the future?

XXXV

*Spenser and Ralegh*

Some of these are questions for practical politicians to consider who either hold the helm or aspire to do so. A mere student of history must be content to answer the first question only and to turn to the more pleasing reminiscences of Ralegh—to think of him wandering with Lord Grey's Secretary beneath “the green alders by the Mulla's shore” or sitting in the deep embrasured window of the Warden's house reading the manuscript of his brother poet and then “æmuling” the pipe of Spenser, who tells us

“ His song was all a lamentable lay  
Of great unkindnesse, and of usage hard : ”

the unkindness of the Queen who in some jealous fit had exiled him to his Irish estates—to the country which

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which he had contributed to render not “a common wealth but common woe.” The advice he gave to Spenser in the old house in Youghal and in the spoiled and desolate fields of Desmond was an event in English literature.

“ When thus our pipes we both had wearied well  
(Quoth he), and each an end of singing made,  
He gan to cast great lyking to my lore,  
And great dislyking to my lucklesse lot,  
That banisht had my selfe, like wight forlore,  
Into that waste, where I was quite forgot.  
The which to leave, thenceforthe he counseld mee.”

The noble sonnet that Raleigh then wrote, in which he says—

“ All suddenly I saw the Fairy Queen,  
At whose approach the soul of Petrarch wept”—

and the sound advice he gave Spenser, well earned for him the immortal distinction of the dedication written in Kilcoman Castle,—

“ To thee, that art the summer’s nightingale,  
Thy Sovereign Goddess’s most dear delight,  
Why do I send this rustic madrigal,  
That may thy tuneful ear unseason quite?

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Thou, only, fit this argument to write,  
In whose high thoughts Pleasure hath built  
her bower,  
And dainty Love learnt sweetly to indite."

Indeed that dedication was due to him, to his literary genius, to his critical taste, to his encouragement of the exiled poet, as much as the dedication by Hooker of the *Chronicles of Ireland* had been won by his sword and halter.

It is evident from Spenser's testimony that a good deal of Ralegh's poetry was written in Ireland. In some of his pathetic verses there are traces of his Irish exile. He was, however, so pre-eminent as a man of action, that he is underrated, or almost forgotten, as a poet. Spenser indeed was justified in writing at Kilcolman in 1591,—

"Full sweetly tempered is that Muse of his."

## XXXVI

### *Introduces Tobacco and the Potato*

The richly-perfumed yellow wallflowers that he brought to Ireland from the Azores, and the Affane cherry, are still found where he first planted them by the Blackwater. Some cedars he brought to Cork are to this day growing, according to the local historian, Mr. John George MacCarthy, at a place called Tivoli. The four venerable yew-trees, whose branches have grown and intermingled into a sort of summer-house thatch, are pointed out as having sheltered Ralegh when he first smoked tobacco in his Youghal garden. In that garden he also planted tobacco. The climate of the south of Ireland favoured its cultivation. Many years after his time the name of Ralegh was favourably mentioned in College Green, when the Irish House of Commons contemplated encouraging tobacco plantations

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plantations in Ireland. The supposed necessity, however, of protecting tobacco planters in the colonies and supporting the customs revenue of England compelled the Lord Lieutenant to veto any revival of Raleigh's scheme.

A few steps further on, where the town wall of the thirteenth century bounds the garden of the Warden's house, is the famous spot where the first Irish potato was planted by him. In that garden he gave the tubers to the ancestor of the present Lord Southwell, by whom they were spread throughout the province of Munster. In an old book of travels in the northern countries, quoted in the '*Gentleman's Magazine*' eighty years ago, it is said, "Potatoes were first planted here (in Lancashire), having been brought from Ireland to England by the immortal Raleigh." Writing from Cork in August 1602, Carew says to Sir Robert Cecil, "I sent unto Sir W. R. many sorts of ore. I would be glad to know how they prove, and that speedily." Before this, Raleigh had brought some Cornish miners to Ireland, and had spent a considerable sum in

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trying to develope the mineral resources of the country. How different would the popular traditions respecting Raleigh in Ireland be, if his taste in such things and his literary genius had been associated with a wiser and more truly English policy than that of repression !

XXXVII

*The Old Countess of Desmond*

He himself recalled Irish memories sometimes unaccountably. In his great folio he illustrates the long lives of the patriarchs by his own knowledge of a lady who lived about five miles from Youghal. "I myself," he says, "knew the old Countess of Desmond of Inchiquin in Munster, who lived in the year 1589 and many years since, who was married in Edward the Fourth's time, and held her jointure from all Earls of Desmond since then; and that this is true all the noblemen and gentlemen of

Munster

Munster can witness." This lady, the Countess Catherine of Desmond, was born in 1464, the year in which the eighth Earl built Sir Walter Ralegh's house. In a letter written after he had sold his Irish estates to Mr. Boyle, he says: "There remains unto me but an old castle and demesne which are yet in the occupation of the old Countess of Desmond for her jointure." From this it would appear that she was then one hundred and thirty-eight years of age.

In his Youghal house can now be seen two original documents that throw some light on the controversy as to this lady's age. One is Sir Walter's lease sealed by him on the 21st of July, 1588, of a small neighbouring property, in which he refers to "the Ladie Cattlyn old Countess Dowager of Desmond;" the other the original warrant of Queen Elizabeth dated 2nd October, 1588, with the Royal autograph and signet granting a pension to Eleanor, widow of the 16th Earl of Desmond.\* Sir

\* See Appendix.

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George Lewis and others thought that the passage in Raleigh's 'History of the World' must have been hastily written, and that the old Countess could not have been alive in 1589. Sir Walter's deed, however, shows that she was undoubtedly living, five miles from his Youghal house, in 1588. In that deed he calls her the "old Countess." It was known that a Countess of Desmond had walked in 1587 from Bristol to London to petition the Queen for a pension, and it was said she could not have been so very old if she were capable of such exertion. Sir George Lewis thought this conclusive against the alleged great age of the Countess. But, as the Queen's original warrant now seems to establish, it was not the Countess Catherine, but the Countess Eleanor who walked from Bristol to London in 1587.

**XXXVIII**

*The Two Widows*

In one of Raleigh's letters to the Lord Deputy, he accuses Ormond of parleying with the Countess of Desmond, allowing her to leave Cork with many followers, and "at her going away none of her trayne either searched or lokt over." This was the Countess Eleanor, who, a few years before, was the wife of Elizabeth's wealthiest subject, a correspondent of the Queen, a lady of "princely castles and fair gardens," and whose "gown of cloth of gold" is referred to in one of the letters to Burghley in January 1579. Ormond no doubt remembered her former state, and what was due to her sex and rank, when he allowed her to pass without being searched, especially when her husband, his bitter foe and political rival, though not yet killed, was hopelessly ruined. In a short time the widow had

had a graver complaint to make against Ralegh than want of gallantry. He had got a share of the Desmond estates, and the jointure lands of the Countess Eleanor were taken. When Ralegh was full of hope with his repeopling schemes, with the fame and fortune he was to win in his Irish colony, the evicted Countess thus writes to Burghley :—

“I am enforced through extreme poverty to make my moan unto your Honor. At this present my misery is such that my five children and myself liveth in all want of meat, drink and clothes, having no house nor dwelling wherein I with them may rest.”\*

Whilst Ralegh was holding his mayoralty in the house at Youghal, one of the last of the Desmond buildings that sheltered the widow before the undertakers drove her out, she sent a memorial to the Queen saying,—

“Until Sir John Perrott came, I remained in most extreme want and misery: myself and my

\* State Papers—Ireland, vol. cxxii. 68.

poor children were almost famished, whereupon the Lord Deputy sent us a dish of meat from his own table." After that, she adds, "My Lord Ormond paid for my diets." The head of the rival family! Again she petitions the sovereign that of her late husband's vast estates and her own jointure lands, not a blade of grass is left to her.

One of Burghley's last acts was to advise the Queen to give a pension of £200 a year to the Countess. The Royal Warrant to that effect, with the bold autograph of Elizabeth upon it, is, with some other original papers, in the old house at Youghal. But there is no evidence either in Ireland, or in the State Paper Office, that Raleigh had assisted the widow whose estate he held. It is only fair, however, to remember that the Queen gave her this pension when Raleigh's court influence was at its height, and that he was constantly consulted on Irish affairs.

It was the fate of another widow to cry out as poor Lady Desmond did. In her petition to King James the First, Lady Raleigh said:—

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"I beseich your majestie, in the mercies of Jesus Christ, to signifie your gracious pleasure concerning myselfe, and my poore children: That whereas your majesty hath disposed of all my husband's estates, so that there remayneth nothing to give me and my children bred."

The widow and her son, Carew Ralegh, attempted in vain to oust Sir Richard Boyle from the old Desmond estates. At one moment Carew Ralegh's prayer seemed likely to succeed. Lord Cork was charged by Wentworth with having possessed himself of the estates by chicane. But the Lord Chief Justice, in denouncing Lord Cork for "depopulating" the College of Youghal, spoke in the same letter of the lands and endowments "torn from the Church by the poure of Sir Walter Ralegh."

Neither of the widows could regain an acre of the lands their husbands had held. But after much petitioning each secured a pension. In the Patent Rolls of the 7th of James the First is recorded a grant of "£400 per annum, in trust to

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Sir Francis Darcy and Sir Nicholas Throgmorton, during the life of Elizabeth Lady Ralegh." Her pension was larger than Lady Desmond's. But the English widow was granted another special favour she valued very highly. She was allowed to embalm Sir Walter's head, and she carried it about with her wherever she travelled. At her death it was left to Carew Ralegh, in whose coffin it was ultimately buried. The Irish widow, if she had had a similar sad devotion, would have had to take up her lodgings in one of the old houses on London Bridge.

#### XXXIX

##### *Ralegh opposes Essex's Irish Policy*

One part of Ralegh's Irish policy which affected his own fate and contributed to the apparently never-ending troubles of the two kingdoms, was his successful opposition to the conciliatory schemes of the second Essex. It was rumoured  
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that the Queen had offered Ralegh the post of Deputy before Essex was sent to Dublin. However that may be, Ralegh was her most intimate adviser on Irish affairs during the Lord Lieutenancy of Essex.

The new Lord Lieutenant and Ralegh had been bosom friends, had quarrelled and had made it up again. From the day when Essex had cast his plumed hat into the sea to greet Ralegh before Cadiz, there had arisen many causes of jealousy. But the alternate smiles and frowns of the Queen were as nothing compared to their divergent views on Ireland.

The Irish manuscripts known as the Annals of the Four Masters, speak of Essex as having displayed "the most splendid regal state ever exhibited by the Saxons in Ireland." As to his Irish policy they say, "When the Earl of Essex arrived, the first thing proclaimed was that every one of the Irish who was sorry for having gone in opposition to the Queen should receive forgiveness, that any of the men of Ireland whose estates had  
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been taken by the Saxons through oppression, violence or illegality, would have a restitution of the same." No wonder the undertakers should determine to trip up a Lord Lieutenant whose views were so interpreted by the natives.

The first journal of Essex's proceedings that reached the Queen described his march through the counties where Raleigh's estates lay. The latter read with surprise how "the Lord Lieutenant summoned the castle of Darrilayrie. The rebels surrendered and were pardoned." "Rebels pardoned!" That was not the way Raleigh dealt with traitors in those districts eighteen years ago. Then in a despatch from Essex dated July 1599 came a few words that Elizabeth and her advisers started at. "This poor country of Ireland!" But more serious than words of commiseration were the instructions from the Governor in Dublin Castle to those generally severe and intriguing politicians, the Irish judges, to "treat the Irish people with caution and tenderness. To refrain from laying any heavy burthen upon them, or taking any severe

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course against them. To avoid making them desperate."\* Then followed stories that Essex was countenancing Popery;—all culminating in his interview and treaty with Tyrone, in which complete toleration to the Catholic religion, and, what would have been in effect, Irish self-government under the crown of the Queen, appear to have been agreed upon.

The trenchant style of Raleigh can be detected in the Queen's answers, censuring and destroying the plans of Essex. "Your pen," she writes to him, "flatters you with phrases, that you are disgraced from hence, that 'poor Ireland' suffers in you. We will not tolerate this." And in a more official despatch to the Lord Lieutenant in Council, she tells him: "Your opinions deserve reproof rather than answer. . . . You have been the cause of corruption in religion by favouring Popery." As to Essex's agreement with the gallant Hugh O'Neill, Elizabeth writes: "To trust this

\* Essex's instructions to Judge Saxe. 'Carew MSS.,' vol. 607, p. 143.

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traitor upon oath is to trust a devil upon his religion."

Essex, who had been for so many years the companion and correspondent of Raleigh, recognised the hand that guided the Royal pen. Replying from Ireland, he said, "Is it not known that from England I receive nothing but discomfort and soul's wounds? Is it not lamented of your Majesty's faithfulest subjects, both here and there, that a Cobham and a Raleigh should have such credit and favour with your Majesty?"

Mr. Edwards, who is not free from what Lord Macaulay calls the disease of biographers, supports the Irish policy of Raleigh as against that of Essex. "Raleigh," he says, "was repeatedly consulted about Irish affairs both by the Queen and by her Ministers. His advice was uniformly in favour of measures vigorous and decided. In his view, the submission of rebels was the essential condition precedent of their reconciliation. That view Raleigh had always taken. It was the Earl of Essex's misfortune that he did not take it too."

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When Essex imprudently returned to the Court to defend his Irish policy in person, he found Raleigh at the Queen's ear. For a moment Essex seemed to win Elizabeth. Ralph Adderley writing to Walter Bagot on the 9th of June, 1600, says, "Raleigh is gone into the country, bag and baggage, wife and children. Her Majesty called him worse than cat and dog." Then came bad news from Ireland, and Raleigh was welcomed again at Court. At the trial he was a witness against Essex, when the latter exclaimed, "What boootheth it to swear this fox?"

It seems to have escaped the attention of Raleigh's biographers that though the subtle Lord High Treasurer, as Naughton calls Burghley, was no longer living in 1599, he had recorded, in 1595, a paper concerning the Earl of Tyrone in which is to be found more of the conciliatory views of Essex than the so-called vigorous views of Raleigh.\* Had Burghley a Lord Lieutenant like Essex, or had

\* 'Carew Papers,' vol. 614, p. 237.

Essex the support of a Prime Minister like Burghley, the relations of the two kingdoms would have been different. Raleigh's fate might have been different also, for in his temporary triumph over Essex it is possible to trace some of the steps that brought him to a similar end. Standing by the block in 1618 Raleigh's final words were :—

"It is said I was a persecutor of my Lord of Essex: that I puffed out tobacco in disdain when he was on the scaffold. But I take God to witness I shed tears for him when he died. I confess I was of a contrary faction. But I knew he was a noble gentleman. Those that set me up against him, did afterwards set themselves against me."

XL

*“Destiney stronger than Councell”*

As the popular traditions of Munster may furnish some notes for an unwritten chapter of Ralegh's and Spenser's Irish life, a fact which Professor Hales, the latest biographer of Spenser, has recognised, so, in the State Paper Office in London there may also be found an unprinted history that throws some light on this “contrary faction” to which Ralegh belonged. It was the anti-Irish faction in the Court and Councils of Elizabeth. The biographers of Essex still keep speculating on the mystery surrounding his fall, instead of turning to the mass of Irish correspondence now available to writers and students. For the months of remorse, the worry and sleepless nights that preceded the death of Elizabeth, ample material can also be found in that unpublished history

history. One day the Queen adopts Raleigh's advice ; the next day he is in disgrace. Then in a sort of despair she calls him back again, to read another batch of Irish despatches. Many years had passed since Raleigh told her how Ireland could be held, by vigorous measures, without any cost to her exchequer. He had gone on repeating that the true policy was to uphold the " Inglishe inhabitants in Ireland which are yet stronge enough to master the Irishe without any charge to the Queen." She acted on his advice ; and now, after forty years of repression, she finds Ireland more Irish than ever, more costly to her treasury, and kept down by the largest army of occupation that any English sovereign had sent across the seas. Though Raleigh had foreseen something of this,— though in 1593 he had written—

" That accursed kingdome hath always bynn but as a trafique for which Her Majestye hath paid both fraught and costome, and others received the merchandize ; and other than such shall it never be."

though

though in the same letter he had said,—

“A million hath bynn spent by Her Majestye  
in Ireland. A better kingdome might have bynn  
purchased att a less price.”

and though he had added,—

“Destiney is stronger than councell”—  
yet he continued to advise the sending of more  
soldiers and the wasting of more money. Up to  
the hour of the Queen’s death he continued to pit  
his counsel against the destiny that destroyed Eliza-  
beth’s Irish policy and was to overwhelm himself.

Though the unpublished documents in the Rolls  
Office relating to Ireland tend to compromise the  
reputation of Elizabeth’s statesmen, they contain  
during a subsequent period of eighty or ninety  
years some records of a very different character.  
The Irish policy of the Stuart kings was halting  
and defective. But it was perfection itself com-  
pared to what had preceded it and what followed  
it. The early years in that glimmering of justice  
and common-sense brought some hope to Ireland  
and corresponding disaster to Ralegh.

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The curious mixture in misfortune of Raleigh and his Geraldine victims can hardly have escaped his own notice in the Tower. He knew that the son of the sixteenth Earl, whose lands he held, was kept in the Tower till his health broke down, when the Queen gave him rank as seventeenth Earl for about a year before his premature death. This young lord's legitimate successor, and cousin, James, the eighteenth Earl of Desmond, was Raleigh's fellow-prisoner for some years.\* Political prisoners in those times were not strictly confined to separate cells except at night. When Raleigh, in 1604, wrote to the Secretary of State, Lord Cranborne, from the Tower, "remember my miserabell estate,—dayly in danger of death by the palsey, nightly of suffocation by wasted lungs, And now the plaug cum here . . . my poore child having lien next to a woman with a plaug sore, whose child this Thursday is dead of the plaug,"—he saw that he shared all this suffering and danger

\* Appendix.

in common with the head of the Munster Geraldines. Perhaps it was the daily presence of the wasting Earl, for in 1608 he was buried in that historic dust that Lord Macaulay has described, that induced Raleigh in another letter from the Tower to say :—

“Wee shalbe judged as wee judge—and bee dealt withal, as wee deal with others in this life—if wee beleve God Hyme sealf.”

## XLI

*On the Scaffold*

No one in Ireland seems to have deplored the unjust execution of Raleigh. The mass of the Irishry remembered, what it has been the fate of so many British officials to leave in the memory of the people, repressive measures only. But even in what was then simply a garrison of the Pale, the City of Cork, with its close corporation at that time

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of English undertakers and their descendants, he had no sympathisers. The Meads and Coppingers, who had formerly applauded his severe rule, now found fault with him because the coercion they had cried out for had reacted injuriously upon themselves. A premature rumour of Raleigh's death reached Cork in 1603. John Walley writes from Shandon to Sir George Carew :—

“The Mayor and Recorder of Cork say his lordship and Sir Walter Ralegh were both killed, and were they living they should never command there again as of old.”

They were not very grateful for the way he had risked his life in defending the city, and disposing of their Irish enemies, a few years before.

The night before the scaffold something made him think of Ireland. In a paper endorsed by Sir Thomas Wilson, the keeper of the Tower, “A copy of the note written by Sir Walter Ralegh, in his owne hand, which he gave me in discharge of his conscience,” is the following :—

“There is a lease in controversy betweene the Lord  
Boyle

Boyle and one Henry Pine of the castle and lands of Mogile in the country of Cork in Ireland ; and although I did write something at my going from Ireland towards Guiana to the prejudice of Pine's lease, yet since that time better bethinking myself, I desire that the opinion which I gave of Pine's lesse may be no evidence in law against Pine, but that it may be left to other proofs on both sides."

This simple reference, at such a moment, to his long-lost Irish estates is pathetic, and, though on a trivial matter, it is something to record that his last thought of Ireland was one of reparation for an accidental injustice.

## XLII

*His Irish Residences*

Of Raleigh's Irish residences, the old castle in Cork is gone, and on the spot where he wrote despatches to Walsingham and Cecil there now stand the prosaic warerooms of one of the members for

for the city ; the Barre Court of his day is gone and the island he held for a short time is now Queenstown ; the Lismore Castle where the popular Duke of Devonshire and Lord Hartington occasionally visit and administer the estate in a very different spirit from Raleigh's, is not, except in its foundation stones, the castle of the fifteenth century. Kilcolman Castle is a roofless, ivy-clad ruin on the well-managed property of a descendant of the Barrys with whom Raleigh fought ; but no alders can now be seen on the banks of the Mulla. The only house in which he lived that has survived the burnings, reprisals, and destructive raids that swept away so many buildings in Ireland, is the Warden's house of the College of Youghal, to which he took a fancy because of its resemblance to the old manorhouse at East Budleigh, where he was born. When Mr. Crofton Croker sixty years ago visited Youghal, he thus described it :—

“ The house of the ill-fated Sir Walter Raleigh, who was mayor of the town in 1588, is still to be seen nearly in the same state as when inhabited by

him

him ; and many objects are pointed out to which the charm of traditional anecdote is attached. It is long and low, the exterior plain and heavy, resembling the common English manorhouse of his time. In the interior those rooms which we saw were completely lined with small oaken panels, and had large wooden chimney pieces, embellished with very beautiful carved work."

Thomas Dyneley, in Charles the Second's reign, notices "the well wrought ancient chimney pieces" and the "extrem pleasant garden." But the most accurate description of Raleigh's house is that published in 1852 by the Rev. Samuel Hayman, the historiographer of Youghal. He speaks of the solid mementos of the fifteenth century, the walls five feet thick, the deep projecting bay window and porch, the orieled closet, the high-pointed gables and gablets, and the great towering chimneys.

"A large dining-room" (he says) "is on the ground floor, from which is a subterranean passage connecting the house with the old tower of St. Mary's

Church

Church. In one of the kitchens the ancient wide arched fireplace remains. The walls are in great part wainscoted with Irish oak. The drawing-room—Sir Walter's study—retains most of its ancient beauty in the preservation of its fine dark wainscot, deep projecting windows, and richly carved oak mantelpiece rising in the full pride of Elizabethan style to the height of the ceiling. The cornice rests upon three figures, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity, between which are enriched circular-headed panels, and a variety of emblematical devices fill up the rest of the structure. In the adjoining bedroom is another mantelpiece of oak, barbarously painted over. The Dutch tiles of the fireplace are about four inches square, with various devices inscribed in a circular border. Behind the wainscoting of this room, a recess was a few years ago revealed in which a part of the old monkish library, hidden at the period of the Reformation, was discovered."

Some of the books Mr. Hayman describes may have been gifts to the Warden from James, the ninth Earl, and Maurice, the tenth Earl of Desmond,

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both of whom supported and enriched the educational foundation of their great ancestor, the good Earl Thomas. But one of the fifteenth-century volumes, Peter Comestor's 'Historia Scolastica,' is quoted by Sir Walter Raleigh in the second book of the first part of his 'History of the World.' In the same recess was also found a black-letter volume, printed at Mantua in 1479, of scriptural events in the history of the world from the Creation to the days of the Apostles. The elder Disraeli has argued that Raleigh could not have written the whole of his erudite folio himself, because he had not the books of reference in the Tower of London. But the discovery of one of the first editions of Comestor, and the black-letter epitome of early historical events, in the little recess in his Youghal bedroom, may indicate the possibility that Raleigh had been taking notes from the remnant of the Desmond library for the *opus magnum* during his frequent Irish exiles.

XLIII

*Irish Portraits of Raleigh*

In appearance, what manner of man was Raleigh when in Ireland? There was much change, of course, from the dashing captain of eight-and-twenty, when he was putting the unarmed men to the sword and hanging the women in Dingle Bay, to the admiral of sixty-five, who, between the Tower and the scaffold, visited his old haunts in the county of Cork for the last time in the three summer months of 1617. But all accounts agree in giving him a commanding presence, a handsome and well-compacted figure, a forehead rather too high ; the lower part of his face, though partly hidden by the moustache and peaked beard, showing rare resolution. His portrait, a life-sized head, painted when he was Mayor of Youghal, was recently presented to the owner of his house, where it had been

been years ago, by the senior member for the county of Waterford ; and another original picture of him when in Ireland is in the possession of the Rev. Pierce W. Drew of Youghal. Both these Irish pictures show the same lofty brow and firm lips. At Ballynatray is a full-length painting of Ralegh by Zuccherino. In a corner of his Youghal house is an engraving by Vander Werff of Amsterdam that seems to combine all his characteristic features—the extraordinarily high forehead, the intelligent eyes, the same large but well-shaped nose, the moustache and peaked beard, ill concealing a too determined mouth. The likeness is most striking. But there are accessories in this old engraving that seem to identify it, even more than the mere resemblance of the features, with Ralegh's career in Ireland. The knightly personage in armour is shrouded in the skin of a wolf; the wolf's head shows its sharp fangs at the top of the picture; two human skulls are beneath, the eyeless sockets of one being directed upwards to the portrait, with an expression, as far as a poor skull can have

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expression, of reproach and woe. Both skulls rest on the torch and sword, the dagger of the assassin and the halter. Surely that must be Raleigh? Examining it closer, however, it is found to be but the picture of one of his contemporaries and rivals in glory, Ferdinand of Toledo, the foreign coercionist of the Netherlands.

## XLIV

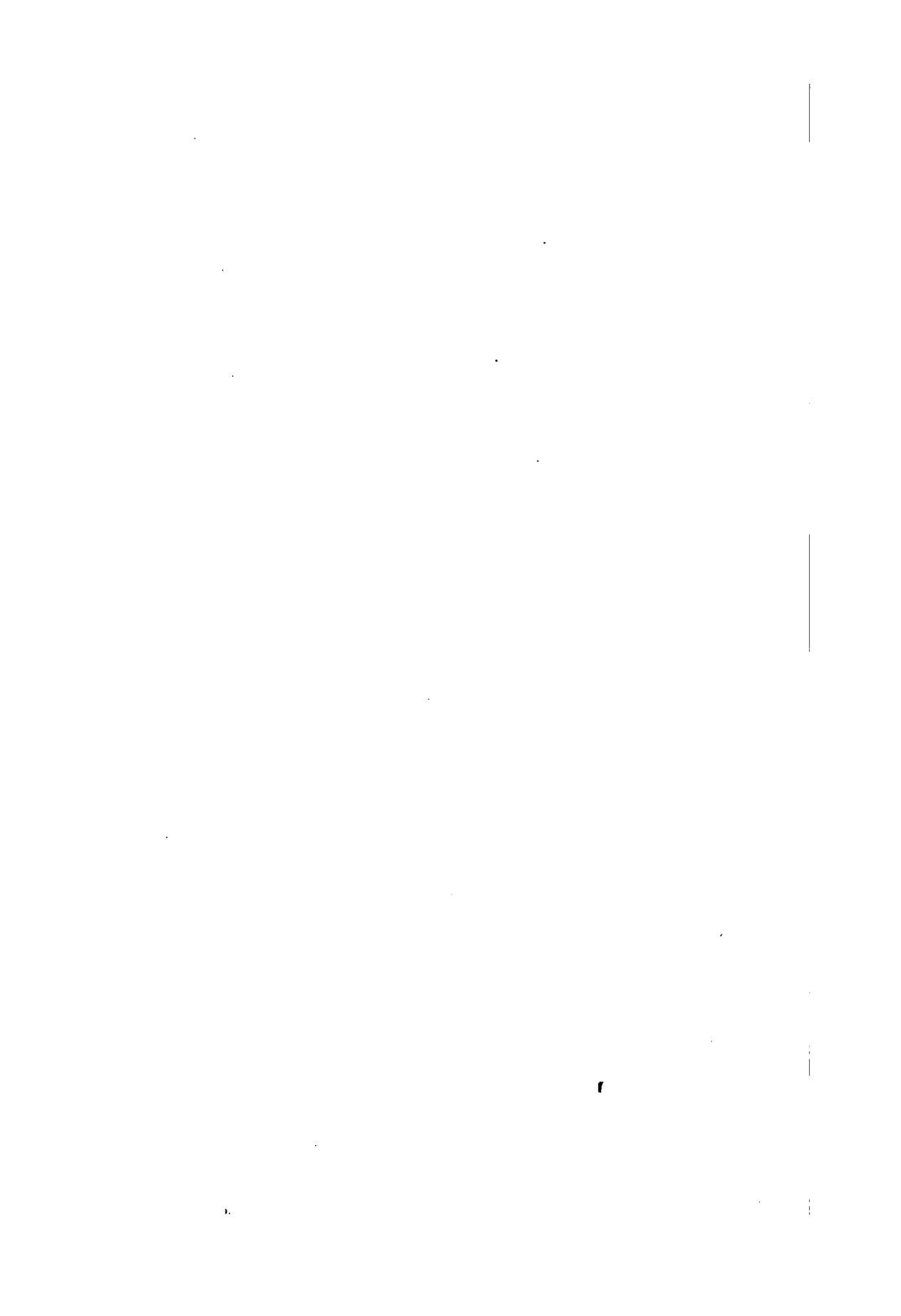
*Retrospect of Raleigh's Irish Policy*

Looking back upon Raleigh's connection with Ireland, it is impossible to forget that he and Sir George Carew taught, by their example, the odious crime of assassination; but, with this exception, there is much that may be forgiven, partly because the "cruelty that is repayd with cruelty" was the general fashion of the day, partly because of the earnest efforts he made to develope the industrial resources of the country, and no doubt also because of the sympathy evoked by the literary and

romantic

romantic side of his character, as well as the natural indignation one feels at his unjust end.

But his successful opposition to Perrot and Essex, on two main points, condemns him as the deliberate enemy of Ireland, and the unconscious enemy of England. Had he not assisted the oligarchy in stopping the repeal of Poyning's Act, had he not counselled the rejection of the Tyrone and Essex treaty, how different might have been the relations of the two kingdoms! Perhaps if he had supported Perrot and Essex on those two points, no possessor of his Irish estates, from the days of the ever-worried and anxious Richard Boyle to later times, would have had to declare that the Irish problem was the most important and the most difficult for English statesmen to deal with. In truth, it would seem as if the poor Irish-speaking peasants of Munster have not greater reason to complain of Ralegh, than the millions of perplexed Englishmen who love fair play and peace.



**LETTERS OF SIR WALTER RALEGH  
FROM IRELAND, OR RELATING TO  
IRISH AFFAIRS.**



I

*To the right honorable and my very good Lord, the Lord  
BURGHLEY, Lord Highe Thresourer of England.*

MAYE IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

To UNDERSTAND that uppon the receaving  
of my footeband of one hondrethe men, when I  
departed from London towards this land, there  
was then delivered into my hands (besides one  
hundreth powndes in imprest which is defalked  
uppon my enterteynment heere,) so muche mony  
as amownted to six dayes wages for my self, my  
levetennent, officers, and soldiers, at accustomed  
rates, viz. iiiij<sup>d</sup> *per diem* for my self, ij<sup>d</sup> *per diem* for  
my levetennente, xiiij<sup>d</sup> a peece for iiij officers,  
and viij<sup>d</sup> a peece for every soldier; after th' expira-  
cion of which six dayes (by order from Your  
Honor and the rest of my lords of Her Maiesties  
Pryvy Counsell,) wee entered into the Isle of  
Wighte where wee contynued xv dayes, and ther  
beinge imbarked in Her Maiesties shippes, there

was

was xvii dayes more before wee arryved heere,  
duringe all which tyme of xxxij dayes, in the whole,  
wee receaved only vittells after the rate of vi<sup>d</sup>  
sterlinge *per diem* for eache one, so that duringe those  
xxxij dayes there growethe due to every of my  
company ij<sup>d</sup> sterlunge *per diem* as a remaynder of  
theire wages at viij<sup>d</sup> sterling *per diem*; and also  
to my selfe, my levetennente and officers, our  
whole enterteynment for the lyke tyme at the  
rates abovesaid. So yt is, my goode and honor-  
able Lorde, that at the importunate suyte and ex-  
clamacion of my company I have bin enforced to  
paye and satisfye every of them of that remaynder,  
and seekinge to have the same to be allowed mee  
agayne heere, I am therfore referred to Your  
Honor's order and the residue of my Lords of Her  
Maiesties Pryvy Councell in England; being ann-  
swered by Her Highnes' offycers heere that wee  
are neyther to be entered into paye, nor no other  
manner of waye to be allowed heere, but from the  
daye of our arryall in this land. In consideration  
whereof I am a moste humble sutor to Your Honor  
and

and the residue of my said Lords for allowance of that mony, as hathe bin heretofore, by Your Lordship's good meanes, in the like case allowed to Sir WILLIAM MORGAN, and that the same may be payd to the gentleman which shall deliver this letter to Your Honor, whom I have desired to attend your Lordship for that purpose, and who shall present unto You as well a perfect accompte thereof, as also a suffycient certifycate or testimony of the tyme of our contynuaunce in the Wighte, and of the daye of our arryvall heere. I moste humble desire Your honor to farther this my request as spedely as you conveniently maye, because I have appointed the mony to be employed in England abowte the providinge of sutche wants as bothe my selfe and company doe greatly stand in neede of. Thus I comyt Your Lordship to God; my poore selfe remayninge alwayes at Your Honor's service and comaundment. Corke, this 22 of February, 1580.

Your Lordship's most humble to comaunde,

W. RAULEY.

II

*To the honorable Sir FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, Knight,  
Principal Secretary to Her Highnes, geve thes.*

I RECEVED of late a letter from Your Honor wherein I finde Your Honor's disposicion and oppinion more favorable then I can anyway deserve. Notwithstandinge I hope Your Honor shall finde that my forwardnes to advance her Maiesties service shall not be less accordinge to my smale strenght. Whereas of late a cumpany of yonge cumpanions linket together in rebellion who because they can no longer covertly assiste the proclaymed traytors do at length manifeste their good mindes to Her Hightnes and the Inglышe nacion,—as DAVY BARREY, sonn and heir of Lorde BARREY, now in the castle of Develin ; MORRICE ROCHE, eldest sonn to the Lorde ROCHE ; FINNIN MACARTEY, PATRICK CONNDON, and divers others,—my Lorde Generall  
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is now cum hither who, wee hope, ether by force or pollicy will sufficiently hampre them that are farr of greater strenght than the Earle of DESMOND and JOHNE. In my returne from Develin I made a hard escape from the Seneshall in BARRE's countre (wher he is allways fostered) with xiiiij horsmen and threescore footmen.

I was three horsmen, and soun set on horsbake to Irishe footmen. I coveted to recover a litle old castle, and in that resun I left three men and three horses. The manner of myne own behavior I leve to the report of others, but the escape was strange to all men. The castle was a longe mile of, from the place wher he first sett on us. Ther is great need of a supply in Munstre, for the bandes ar all miche decayed. The bands of TANNER and BARNISHE were so ordered in the cashiringe that no man was the better. For the officers had the furniture and the soldiers ran away. Beside, the men ar suche poore and misserable cretures as ther captaynes dare not lead them to serve. If Your Honors beheld them when they arive here, You  
would

would think them far unftt to fight for Her Maies-  
ties crown ; and like Your Honor ther is no fit  
place to lande them that ther captaynes may receve  
them furnished but Corke, from whence they may  
most conveniently be delivered over. Thus, be-  
sechinge You to continew Youre favorable oppinion  
of mee, I humblie take my leve, restinge allways  
most redy to do you all honor and service. From  
Corke, xxijj of February, 1581.

Your honor's most humble to cummande,

W. RAULEY.

Endorsed :

"23 February, 1580. From Mr. Walter Rawley."

III

*To the honorable Sir FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, Knight,  
the Principall Secritory to Her Highnes.*

THE day after the writinge of my letter to your Honor by Levetenant BIGGES, news came that DAVY BARREY had broken and burnt all his castles and entred publikly into the action of rebellion. It plesed my Lorde Deputy, att my beinge at Develin (forseinge wherunto this Trator was bent) to bestow on mee the kepinge of on of his castles called Barre Court and the Iland adjoyninge therunto; which hows he gave mee in charge to keap to her Majesties use, being a great strenght to the countre and a safty for all passengers betwen Corke and Youghall. Notwithstandinge, becaus my Lord Generall was presently to cum up and BARREY ready to go out (having before undreground broken the foundacions of the rest of his castles)

I made stay to take this Barrey Court, as well for that my Lord Generall should not alledge that I crost hym in any service or did anythinge with in his goverment without his privitey, as also because it should not be sayd that the takinge therof was the hasteninge of BARRE's rebellion. But when my Lord came and BARREY had burnt all the rest, the Lord Generall, ether meninge to kepe it for hym selfe—as I think all is to litle for hym—or els unwillinge any Englishman should have any thing, stayd the takinge therof so longe, mening to put a gard of his own in it, as it is, withe the rest, defaced and spoled. I pray God Her Majesty do not finde, that—what with the defence of his own countre assalted on all sides, what with the beringe and forberinge of his kindred, as all thes traytors of this new rebellion ar his own cussen-germeyns, what by reason of the incomperable hatred betwen hym and the GARAUTINES who will rather dy a thowsand deathes, entre into a million of mischeifes and seek soccor of all nacions, rather than they will ever be subdued by a BUTLER—that afre Her

Majesty

Majesty hathe spent a hundred thowsand pound more she shall at last be driven by to dere experience to send an Inglishe Presedent to follow thes mallicious traytors with fier and sword, nether respectinge the aliance nor the nacion. Would God your Honor and her Majesty, as well as my poore selfe, undrestoode how pitifully the service here goethe forward! Considering that this man, havinge now byn Lord Generall of Munstre now about too yeares, theire ar at this instant a thowsand traytors more then ther were the first day. Would God the service of Sir HUMFRY GILBERT might be rightly lokt into ; who, with the third part of the garreson now in Ireland, ended a rebellion not miche inferior to this, in to monethes ! Or would God his own behavior were suche in peace as it did not make his good service forgotten and hold hym from the preferment he is worthy of ! I take God to wittenes I speake it not for affection but to discharge my duty to Her Majesty ; for I never hard nor rede of any man more fered then he is amonge the Irishe nacion. And I do assuredly

assuredly know that the best about the Earle of DESMOND, ye ! and all the unbridled traytors of thes partes, would cum in hyre, and yeld them selves to the Queen's mercy, were it but known that he were cum amonge them. The end shall prove this to be trew.

And for myne own part God is my judge it grevethe mee to receve her Majesty's pay (although God knowes it be but a poore entreteynment) to see her so miche abused ; and I will rather begg then live here to indure it. I would most willingly geve over my charge, and did offre it to the Lord Generall, God is my judge, if I could, and serve her Majesty privatly with a dussen or ten horse duringe the wares. I beseiche your Honor to take my bold writing in good part, protesting befor Hyme that knowethe the thoughtes of all hartes, that I writ nothing but moved therunto for the love I bere to her Highnes and for the furtherance of her service. And further I humblie crave at your Honor's handes that you will reserve my letters to yourselfe, and if your Honor will promise mee so miche and give mee leve, I will from tyme to tyme advertise your

Honor

Honor trewly of this estat. Myself being on that  
your Honor shall allways finde most ready to  
ventur my life to do yow all honor and service  
during my life. I beseich your Honor that I may  
by your means injoy the keping of this Barrey  
Court\_and the Iland; or that it will please your  
Honor but to writ to my Lorde Deputy that he  
will confirm it unto mee, whom I find most  
willing to do mee any good, being my honerable,  
good Lorde. This humblie I take my leve,  
reposing myselfe and my estat uppon your Honors  
favor.

From Corke, the 25th of February.

Your Honor's most humble ever to command,

W. RAULEY.

IV

Endorsed : " 1 May, 1581. Copie of a letter to the Lord  
Deputy, from Corke."

FERING that it shoulde seme strange unto your Lordshipe the litle service don in thes partes, I presume to wryte unto your honor in myne owne excuse, lest your Lordshipe should growe in ill opinion of us that ar and have byne in the presenc of the General to be directed. The bandes of Sir GEORG BOWSER, EDWARD BARKLEY, Captayne Dowdall, and of my self, have bine ever since the seconde weeke of Lent remayning in Corke; and both the great wood of Conolooathe, Harlo, Clenlis, and all the countye of Lymbricke, and the counties betwene the Dingle and Kilkenny, left without any companies either to defend itself or anoy the enemy. Since which tyme wee have made to jurneys : the one towards Kilkenny to give convoye

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to my Lorde and attend his returne, and the other into Conoloth, by which jurnes (the one being in horrible wether, and the other utterly botles, being don without draught or espiall, and beside inforst to walke such unreasonable marches as, wher wee dispatched a churell of the traytors, wee lamed, lost, or left behynde unserviceable, a soldier or two of our owne) the poore bands have curste the change they made in levynge to follow your Honor, as they have tould the Lorde Generall many tymes. And this fyrst of May wee ar going another posting convoy towards Kilkenny. But to culler the matter, wee shall march some two dayes out of our way to seeke wee know not whome. The store of Corke, except it be a smale quantitie of wheat and butter, is all spent within the walles, and now it wilbe aleged that wee cannot serve for want of vittles, or else because the bandes ar not supplied ; althoough wee were nevere less than fore hundred stronge, and yet both of Sir GEORGE BOWCER's and Captain BARKLE's left at Kilmalloch and Asketon. Wee have spent thes two monethes of the spring in

parles with BARREY ROWE, the Countes of DESMOND, and FINNIN MACARTEY ; and wee think it willbe two moneth more er he be resolved whether thes oughtt to be followed or no, and yet theris no day passeth without some trayterous villanies by the BARRES committed. The Countes of DESMONDE is retourned, and brought so many followers with her hither to carrie provision with her as the Earle, for his parte, shall be the better able to keepe the feild all this sommer ; and at her going away none of her trayne ether sercht or lokt over. BARREY ROWE is protected. The Lady BARREY having gathered her goodes into Corke ; and fering that by the atteyndure of her husband those wilbe found for the Queene, her yonge sonne—viz. BARRIE ROE, that five dayes before fell on the garrisons of Youghal—is brought in to serve that turne to carye the goodes into O SYLLEVANSES countrey, or elswher, for the more saftie ; and besides this man shall keep some store of cattell and such impotent people as cannot follow DAVEY BARREY in the feild with many other profits ether for the Queen or for the knaves.

knaves. I thinke your Honor hard of the losse of the warde of Asketon.\* O KENIS and his sonn wer both slayne by JHON of DESMOND,—gentelmen of MAC DONOTH's countrey and very good subiects. Barre's Cowrte and the Iland—which your Honor willed me to keepe—the on hath sinc bin many tymes defaced, and the other spoylde and pred. From this iland the traytors can never wante nether wine nor salte, or iron, or any other necessary provision, or if neede bee advertisement from Spayne or elswher; being common for any man to lande on. Notwithstanding, it is left naked and the castle broken that stood in the entranc therof for defenc. I have, by great perswacion of the Commissioners, gott leve to edife the same, and leve a ward therin; and if it shall please your Honor to thinke mee woorthie the keeping and custodie therof I will at myne owne coast buyld it up agayne and defend it for her Maiestie. I would the rather bee an humble and ernest suter to your

\* "xi of them were distressed that fondly aventuredu wtē to far for sum cowes."—*Marginal note by the Lord Deputy.*

Honor

Honor for it in that I heire the Lord Generall purposeth, when I have taken the toyle in making it defencible and bin at the charg, to turne me over for my charges to the Queene and dispose of the iland to some other. I hope your Honor will stand my good lord therin. If it please your Honor to give commission ther may bee an other hundreth soldier layd uppon the cuntry heire aboute.\* I hope it will be a most honorable matter for your Lordshipe, most acceptable to her Maiestie, and profitable for the cuntry; and the ryght meane to banish all idle and frutles galliglas and kerne, the ministers of all miseryes. Thus, most humblie beseeching your Honor not to condemne any of us that are willing to deserve your Lordshipps good favor, I humblie take my leve. From Corke, the fyrist of May.

Copie of . . . [Captain Rauley's]  
letter (*the name being in cypher*).

\* "This is the beeginnyng of that platt which, by Mr. Fent, I have advertizement of, for the fynding of a certayne garrison gratis to Her Majestie."—*Marginal note by the Lord Deputy.*

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*To the right honorable and my very good Lorde the Erle of  
LEYCESTER, of her Majesties most honorable Pryvey  
Counsell.*

I MAY not forgett continually to put your Honor in  
mind of my affection unto your Lordshipe, havinge  
to the worlde bothe professed and protested the  
same. Your Honor, havinge no use of such poore  
followers, hathe utterly forgotten mee. Notwith-  
standinge, if your Lordshipe shall please to thinke  
mee your's, as I am, I wilbe found as redy, and  
dare do as miche in your service, as any man you  
may cummande ; and do, nether, so miche dispaire  
of my self but that I may be somway able to  
performe as miche.

I have spent some time here under the Deputy,  
in suche poore place and charge, as, were it not for  
that I knew him to be on of yours, I would disdayn

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it as miche as to keap sheepe. I will not troble your Honor with the bussiness of this loste lande ; for that Sir WARRAM SENTLEGER can best of any man deliver unto your Lordshipe the good, the badd, the mischeifs, the meanes to amend, and all in all of this common welthe, or rather common woo. He hopethe to finde your Honor his assured good Lorde, and your Honor may most assuredly cummande him. He is lovingly inclyned toward your Honor. And your Lordshipe shall win by your favor towards hym a wise, faythfull, and valient gentleman, whos worde and deede your Honor shall ever find to be on.

Thus, having no other matter, but only to desire the continuance of your Honor's favor, I humblie take my leve. From the Camp of Leismore, in Ireland, August 25 1581.

Your Honor's faithful and obedient,

W. RAULEY.

I am bold, being bound by very conscience, to  
cummend unto your Honor's consideration the  
pitiful

pitiful estate of JOHN FITTS-EDMONDS, of Cloyne,  
a gentleman, and the only man untucht and proved  
tru to the Queen, bothe in this and the last  
Rebellion. Sir Warram can declare his service,  
what he is, and what he deservethe.

*To my lovinge Cussen, Sir GEORGE CAREW, Master of  
the Ordinance in Ireland.*

CUSSEN GEORGE,

FOR my retrait from the Court it was uppon good cause to take order for my prize. If in Irlande they thincke that I am not worth the respectinge they shall mich deceave them sealvs. I am in place to be beleved nor inferrior to any man, to plesure or displesure the greatest; and my oppinion is so receved and beleved as I can anger the best of them. And, therfore, if the Deputy be not as reddy to steed mee as I have bynn to defend hym,—be it att is may.

When Sir WILLIAM FITZWILLIAMS shalbe in Ingland, I take mysealfe farr his better by the honorable offices I hold, as also by that nireness to her Majestye which still I injoy, and never more.

I am willinge to continew towards hym all frindly offices, and I doubt not of the like frome hym, as well towards mee as my frinds. This mich I desire he should understand ; and, for my part, ther shalbe nothinge wantinge that becummeth a frinde ; nether can I but hold myself most kindly dealt withall heretherto, of which I desire the continuance. I have deserved all his curteses in the hiest degree.

For the sute of Lesmore, I will shortly send over order from the Queen for a dismis of their cavelacions ; and so, I pray, deale as the matter may be respeted for a tyme ; aad cummend mee to Mr. Sollicitor with many thancks for his frindly deling therin ; and I assure yow, on myne honor, I have deservde it att his hands in place wher it may most steed hym.

For HARDINGE, I will send unto yow mony by exchange with all possible spead, as well to pay hym (if he suffer the recoverye) as all others ; and till then, I pray, if my builders want, supply them.

I look for yow here this springe, and, if possible

I may, I will returne with yow. The Queen  
thincks that GEORGE CAREW longes to see her; and  
therfore see her. Farewell, noble GEORGE, my  
chosen frind and kinsman, from whom nor tyme,  
nor fortune, nor adversity, shall ever sever mee.

The 27 of December [1589].

W. RALEGH.

VII

*To my honorable frinde, Sir R. CICILL, Knt., of Her  
Majesty's most honorable Privy Councell.*

SIR,

I WRAT unto your father how I am dealt withall by the Deputye, to whom my disgraces have bynn highly commended. Hee supposed a debt of four hundred pounds to the Queen, for rent, and sent order to the Shiriff to take away all the cattell my tenants had, and sell them the next day, unless the money weare payd the same day. All Munster hath scarce so mich mony in it; and the debt was indeed but fifty marks, which was payde, and it was the first and only rent that hath yet bynn payd by any undertaker. But the Shirife did as he was cummanded, and tooke away five hundred milch kine from the poor people; sume had but two, and sume three, to releve their

poore

poore wives and children, and in a strang country  
newly sett downe to builde and plant. Hee hath  
forcible thrust mee out of possession of a Castell,  
because it is in law between mee and his cousin  
**WINCKFELD**, and will not here my atornes speake.  
Hee hath admitted a ward, and geven it his man,  
of a Castell which is the Queen's, and hath bynn  
by mee new built and planted with Inglishe, this  
five years; and to profitt his man with a ward-  
shipp, looseth her Majesties inheritance, and would  
plant the cussen of a rebell in the place of Inglishe  
men, the Castell stanetinge in the most dangerous  
place of all Munster.

Besids, ther is a band of soldiers, which a base  
phello, O'DODALL, hath in Yoholl, which duth cost  
the Queen twelve hundred pound a yeare, and hath  
not ten good men in it; but our porest people  
muster and serve hym for threepence a day, and  
the rest of his soldiers do nothing but spoyle the  
country, and drive away our best tenants.

If the Queen be over rich, it may bee mayntayned;  
but I will, att three days' warninge, rayse  
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her a better bande, and arme it better tenfold, and better men, whensoever shee shall need it. And, in the mean tyme, it may ether be employed in the North, or discharged ; for ther is in Munster, besids, a band of horse, and another of foot, which is more than needeth. In this, if yow pleas to move it, yow may save her Majestye so mich in her coffers. For the rest I will send my man to attend yow, although I care not ether for life or lands ; but it will be no small weakninge to the Queen in thos parts, and no small cumfort to the ill-affected Irishe, to have the Ingleshe inhabitants driven out of the country, which are yet stronge enough to master the rest, without her charge.

Yours, to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

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*To my very loving friend, Sir ROBERT CECILL, Knight,  
of Her Majesty's most honorable Privy Councell.*

SIR,

I PRAY send me the news of Ireland. I hear that there are three thousand of the BURGKS in arms, and young O'DONELL and the sons of SHANE O'NEALE. I wrote in a letter of MR. KILLEGREEW'S, ten days past, a prophesye of this rebellion, which when the Queen read, she made a scorn at my conceat; but yow shall find it but a shoure of a farther tempest. If yow please to sent me word of what yow hear, I will be laught at again in my opinion touching the same, and be bold to write yow my farther suspicion. Your couesen, the dotinge Deputy, hath dispeopled me; of which I have written to your father already. It is a sign how my disgraces have past the seas, and  
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have been highly commended to that wise Gover-nour, who hath used me accordingly. So I leve to trouble yow at this time, being become like a fish cast on dry land, gasping for breath, with lame leggs and lamer loonges. Your's, for the little while I shall desire to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

IX

*To the right honorable, Sir ROBERT CICILL, Knight, of  
Her Majestie's most honorable Privy Councell.*

SIR,

I AM very sorry for MR. WILKENSON and the rest, that I here ar lost in the River of Burdens ; but for my part I was resolved of the success before-hand, and so miche I told WILLKENSON before his departure. Of this Irish combinaction Her Majestye shall find it remembred to her sealf not longe since ; but the Troien Southsayer cast his spear against the wooden horse, but not belevede I did also presume to speake somewhat how to prevent this purpose ; and I thinck it not over hard to be yet donn ; and if I had by any chance bynn acquaynted with the Lord BURGH's instructions, I would have putt you in mynde to have woonne the Earle of Argile rather then all the rest of Skotland ; for by hym this fier must be only maintained

maintained in Ulstell. But for me to speake of the one or the other, I knowe my labors are prejudicte, and I cannot hereafter deserve ether thancks or acceptance. Less then that number men apoynted, I tacke it, will serve the turn, if the garrisons be placed aright to impeach the assemblies, and sume smale pineses ordered to lye between CANTIRRS and ODONELLS Country; but herein the order and the tyme hath most powere. Ther be also others in Irland that lye in waite, not suspected; which I most feare, and others most able and fitt to make them neglected and discoraged: which smale matters would have hartned to great purpose, as the tyme will better wittness. I had bynn able my sealf to have raysed to or three bands of Inglishe well armed, till I was driven to relinquise and recalc my people; of which the loss shall not be alone to mee, howsoever I am tumbled down the hill by every practize.

We ar so busyed and dandled in thes French warrs, which are endless, as we forgett the defens next the hart. Her Majesty hath good cause to

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remember that a million hath bynn spent in Irland  
not many yeares since. A better kingdome might  
have bynn purchased att a less prize, and that same  
defended with as many pence, if good order had  
bynn taken. But the question now may be,  
whether for so great expence the estate be not less  
asured then ever? If Her Majestye conseder it  
aright, she shall fynde it no small dishonor to be  
vexed with so beggerly a nacion, that have neather  
armies nor fortification; but that acursed kingdome  
hath always bynn but as a trafique, for which Her  
Majestye hath paid both freight and costume, and  
others receved the marchandize; and other then  
such shall it never be. The Kinge of Spayne  
seeketh not Irlande for Irlande, but havinge raysed  
up troops of beggers in our backs, shall be able to  
inforce us to cast our eyes over our shoulders,  
while thos before us strike us on the braynes. We  
have also knowne the levell of his subversion; but  
destiney is stronger than councell; and good  
advice, ether neglected or weakly executed, hath  
tought our enimis to arme thos parts which before

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lay bare to the sworde. Prevention is the daughter of Intelligence, which cannot be borne without a mother; and the good wooman hath so many patrons, as the one referreth her cherishinge to another's trust, and in the meanwhile shee liveth baren and frutles.

Sir, thes poore Countris yeild no newse. I here of a frigott that taketh up fishermen for pilatts in the West. I am my sealf here at Sherburne, in my fortun's folde. Wherever I be, and while I am, yow shall cummande me. I thinck I shall need your furder favor for the litle parke, for Law and Conscience is not sufficient in thes days to upholde me. Every foole knoweth that hatreds are the cinders of affection, and therfore to make me a sacrifice shall be thanksworthye. Sir, I pray remember my duty to my Lord Admirall, and to your father, if it please yow.

From Sherburne, this 10th of May [1593].

Your's most asured to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

I am the worse for the Bath, and not the better.

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*To the Lord Treasurer BURGHLEY.*

MY HONORABLE GOOD LORD,

By reason of your Lordship's letters and the rest of the Lords of Her Majesties Privie Councell, written to the Lord Deputie and Councell of Ireland, for a restraint of transportacion of Pipe-staves out of that Realme to the Islands, we have a great quantitie of barrell and hogshead bords alreadie cutt and made which, for want of venting and expending, will rott upon the ground, if we maie not receave some order for their utterance. Besides, we must be forced to draw home a great number of able men from thence which are appointed to serve Her Majestie with their weapons upon anie occasion, which will prove to be a great weakening of the province of Munster.

Wherfore, if it please your Lordship,—for the keeping

keeping and enterteyning of theis men in worke, which otherwise cannot live there ; and for venting of this commoditie, which must needs perish if longer staie be made of them there,—to write to the Lord Deputie and Councell, that, according to your Lordship's meaning signified in your former letters, we maie be licensed to transport from thence into England such barrell and hogs-head bords as we have made, and maie be sparde out of our own woods ; the rather, because those of the west countrie here have great want of this caske, we will putt in such bords to her Majesty's use, before th' officers of the ports where they are to be laden, as are required in your Lordship's said letters, for th' assured transporting thereof into England and to no other place. And so I most humblie take my leave. From Dirrham House, the xvth of June, 1593.

Your Lordship's for ever to be cummanded,

W. RALEGH.

For the bringinge of caske into Ireland, I hope

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wee shall rather deserve thankes, then that wee  
shall need to make any great sutes for it. Yet, so  
mich it hath pleased the Deputye to malline my  
particular, as I know, without your Lordshipp's  
heulpe, yeven so mich will hardly be afforded.  
I do humblie desire your Lordship to favor mee  
so mich as to writ your Lordship's own letteres  
unto hym that I may receve justice at his hands;  
and, acknowledging my sealf only bound and sus-  
teyned by your Lordship's goodnes, I wishe your  
Lordship eternall health, and humblie take my  
leave.

*To the right honorable Sir ROBERT CECIL, Knight, one of  
her Majesties most honorable Privie Councell.*

SIR,

You know our long suite to the Lords of Her Majesties Privie Councell for the continuance of transportation of Pipestaves out of Ireland to the Islandes, according to Her Majesties graunt by Her Letters Patents under the Great Seale. Master PINE, as I understand, is now at Court to sollicite your Honnor and the rest, in our behalfe, for a dissolucion of the restraint procured by the Lord Deputie's letters, upon his supposicion of some enormities and surmised inconveniences which thereby will need ensue.

I beeseech your Honnor to fauvor our proceedings therein, and to assist us, as much as you maie, for the obteyning of our suite ; and if you please to  
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acquaint my Lord Admiral with my poore request,  
I doubt not but his Lordship will farther so honest  
a mocion.

If their Lordships would be pleased thoroughlie to  
consider the state of the cause, and have patience  
to peruse the contents of our demaund (which  
Master PINE will shew your Honnor, in all points,  
according to the truth), they wold assuredlie allow  
of our trade to the Islands, and conceave better of  
those which undertake the same. And so I humblie  
take my leave.

From Gillingham Forrest, the 27th of August,  
1593.

Your Honor's humblie att cummandment,

W. RALEGH.

Sir, The Indian falcon is sike of the buckworne ;  
and therfore, if yow wilbe so bountefull to geve  
another falcon, I will provide yow a roning  
geldinge.

XII

*To the right honorable Sir ROBERT CECILL, Knight, one  
of her Majesties most honorable Privy Councell.*

SIR,

THIS honorable gentleman, the Lord BARRY, one that is well affected to her Majesty and her Estate, is in humble suite to her Majesty, and hath entreated my letter to your Honnor that such fine or benefitt as FLORENCE MACCARTY hath by graunt obteined from her Majesty, by reason of his former offence in Ireland (which is well knownen to your Honnor), may be again revoked and remitted.

And if my opinion herein maybe reguarded, I thinke that his pardon which her Highnes graunted him hath wrought his true affection, and his entire disposicion to honnor and serve her Maiesty with such unfeined obedience as can be required; and therfore not fitt to be discountenanced by FLORENCE MACCARTY, [he] being a man reconciled to the Pope,

Pope, daungerous to the present State, beloved of such as seeke the ruine of the Realme his native cuntrie, and not worthie to bee relieved by her Maiesties goodnes. He maie for a time dissemble, and in revealing his poverty, by occasion of his imprisonment in the Tower, protest that obedience which he ought to performe: but he is not to be trusted. His alliance and friends in Ireland are great and manie, and he wanteth nothing but mony to execute his practices, whereunto the Pope hath animated him.

This noble gentleman hath, to my knowledg, a long time lived civilly and conformablie to all her Majesties directions and commandments, and hath not deserved theis troubles and discontentments. I priae you so much to favour him by yourself, or by the meanes of my honorable good Lord, your father, that hee maie bee discharged of this demaund; and I will reckon it amongst the rest of your favours. And so I humblie take my leave.

From th' assises at Dorchester, the 4th of March,  
1593. Your Honor's humblie att cummandment,

W. RALEGH.

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*To the right honorable Sir ROBERT CECILL, Knight, of  
her Majesties most honorable Privy Councell.*

SIR,

FROM this desolate place I have little matter ;  
from myself, less hope ; and therefore I thinke the  
shorter the discourse, the better wellcum.

I receaved from Lyme,—a port town in this shire,  
—by a smale barke lately arived, that there ar  
lately many French shipps imbargoed in Spayne,  
and of good burden and very serviceable ; notwithstanding  
that the same went by pasport and  
assurance from Spayne. And all the marriners  
likewise imprested ; and that ther ar a fleet ether  
gone or goinge of sixtye saile, as the saye, for  
Irlande. It seemeth asuredly that the preparations  
ar great, and do dayly increase.

If your Honors conceave therof aright, or looke  
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into the nirest mischeif, wee shall do the better. Butt I feare, by your favors, ther is somewhat more in the enemys intent then is supposed. Wee that have mich ado to gett bread to eat have the less to care for, unless mich lost labor and love awake us that ar also thanckles busied in things ether beyound our capasates or cares.

What becumes of Guiana I miche desire to here, —whether it pass for a history or a fable. I here Mr. DUDLEY and others ar sendinge thither; if it be so, farewell all good from thence. For although my sealf,—like a cockscome,—did rather preferr the future, in respect of others; and rather sought to wine the kings to her Majesties service then to sack them, I know what others will do, when thos kings shall cum simpely into their hands. If it may pleas yow to acquaynt my Lord Admirall therwith, lett it then succeed as it wille.

If my Lord will have a fyne pinnes sent to the coast of Spayne, to vew what is dunn, I thinke for a matter of £40 or £50 I can gett one that shall do service.

Sir,

Sir, for conclusion, I will only say this mich,—  
take good heed least you be not to slow. Expedition  
in a little is better than mich, to late. Butt  
yow, ministers of dispatch, ar not plentifull.  
Neather is it every man's occupation. God send  
yow all honor and health. I will wishe yow both,  
and be reddy ever to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

From Sherborne, the 10th of November [1595].

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*To the right honorable Sir ROBERTE CECILL, Knight,  
Counceller in her Highnes' Preuyse Councelles.*

THESE maye be to seignifye unto your Honor that the Archebishopp of Cashell, a man whome, I thincke, my Lord Treasurer hathe lytell cause to favor, hathe of late delte verye badlye with me, contrarye to all faythe and promysse, touchinge diverse of my Irishe leases and lands; whoes discortysies I wold gladlye mete withall. And doe fynde noe better meanes in releffe of my self, fartheraunce of relygyon, and conforte of all myne Inglyshe tenants and frendes, then in preferrynge some other of better sorte to the bishoppricke of Lesmore and Waterforde, whereof the Archebishop hathe but a comende, and hathe, besydes, twoe or three other bishoprickes.

My desire is that you wilbe pleased to be a  
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meane to prefer unto the same bishopricke of Lesmore and Waterford my verye good frend Master HUGHE BROUGHTON, a man well knownen to my Lorde his Grace of Caunterburye, my Lorde Treasurer, and all the lerned docters and scollers of Englande; and a man unto whome I wishe moche goode; besechinge you to have some conference with my cosen GORINGE aboughte he same—wherein the said Master BROUTON is able to do moche good and be a greate comforde to all our Inglishe nation thereaboughtes, and encrease of relygyon. And the gentellman hymself wilbe verye thanckfull unto you for anye favor shewed unto hym, whome I leave to your good rememberance, and your self to God. This third of Maye, 1596.

Your Honor's to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

To Sir Robert Cycill.

*To the right honorable Sir ROBERT CECIL, Knight,  
Principall Secretary to her Maiestie.*

SIR,

It can be no disgrace if it weare knownen that  
the killinge of a rebel weare practised; for you see  
that the lives of anoynted Princes are daylye sought,  
and we have always in Ireland geven head money  
for the killinge of rebels, who ar evermore pro-  
claymed at a price. So was the Earle of  
DESMONDE, and so have all rebels been practised  
agaynst. Notwithstandinge, I have written this  
enclosed to STAFFORD, who only recommended  
that knave to me upon his credit. Butt, for your  
sealf, you ar not to be touched in the matter. And  
for me, I am more sorrye for beinge deceaved than  
for beinge declared in the practise.

Your Lordship's, ever to do you service,

W. RALEGH.

He hathe nothinge under my hand butt a passport.

XVI

*To the right honorabell Sir ROBERT CECYLL, Knight,  
Principall Secritory to her Majestye.*

SIR,

I BESEICH you to signefye Her Majesties pleasure to my Lord Deputye of Irland—because his Lordship is ready to depart—concerning this gentleman, on whom Her Majestye hath bestowed Poore's compayne.

Your Honor's to do you service,

W. RALEGH.

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*For her Majesties speciall affaires. To the right honorabell  
Sir ROBERT CECYLL, Knight, Principall Secretory, &c.  
Hast, &c.*

I WROTE unto yow the 26 of this present what I received from certayne Skottishe marchants. It is now manefest that bothe thos advertisements ar drew, for thos three pinneses which brought in the great prize att Plymouth of 900 chests of suger were chased by the Spanish fleet, seven dayes before their arivall ; and they arived on Tuesday last, the second of this moneath, and weare therfore chased of the mouth of the Channell, which was about the 25 of August, and so must needs be in Ireland or perished ; from whence it seemeth yow canot hear by reason of this esterly winde.

Thos of Munster had some warninge of ther being on the coast, for one Captayne LOVE or Capt. LANE, being on the Irishe coast, forsooke his shipp, and went into a bote and tooke horse  
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uppon the shore, and gave warninge to the next adjoyninge about the coast of Dungarvan, between Yoholl and Waterforde. From there he tooke his shipp agayne and arived att Plymoth. Thes pinneses tolde 60 sayle. A Fleming also, cuming from Lysbone, confirmeth the former intelligence, and addeth therunto, either out of conjecture, or knowledge, or fame, affirming that the soldiers ar 6,000 ; that they have twelvemoneths pay, and like vittell, beforehande ; that he saw many with chaynes of golde ; and that generally the army was very brave, and well provided of all things ; that certayne cannons were imbarked in some gallions, with all other things answerabell.

Sir, I beseech to acquaynt my Lord Admirall herewith, and that yow will vouchsaif to excuse me for not wrting to his L, knowing that yow are of one mind and fortune, of one love and on indevor for Her Majesties service.

Yours ever as your sarvent,

W. RALEGH.

Shirb, the 27 of Sept., 1601.

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*To the right honorabell Sir ROBERT CECYLL, Knight, Prin-  
cipall Secritorye, &c.*

SIR,

If I cum not to late, I would be an humbell  
sutor unto yow for a cumpany in Irland for a  
gentelman, Mr. STUCKLY, who hath served with  
good reputation bothe by sea and lande. Hee was  
wounded with Sir RICHARD GRENVILE in the  
*Revenge*, and hath since served longue in Irland  
and elcewhere. For the rest, I will not trobell  
yow, but I will hope for your favor towards hym,  
and rest your Honors to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

Sherburn, this 13 of October, 1601.

This bearer hath brought an Inglysshman which  
came in the Spanish fleet. Hee will tell yow that  
they imbarke 4,000 men, but want ij great shippes  
and almost a 2,000 of their men. They ar riche in  
mony.

mony. The cummanders have brought their wives and children, which proveth that they mean to abide it, and make us a warr ther. They look for great supplies. They have broken down the wall, man's hight. They have intrenched without the towne ; out of which they have bynn beaten twise in a day by Captain FLOWRE. The Inglishe serve with invincibell currage agaynst them. Many Spanierds ar alreddy taken. They have too carvels uppon the entrance. The Deputy is not yet cum to beseige them, but will shortly. DIEGO BROCHERO is admirall ; SEBURO, vice-admirall. BROCHERO is thot dead. They had 6 great shippes of 900 toon, and on of 1,300 ; all mand, for the most, with strangers. The most of the shippes ar gone. The rest tarry yet.

I had thought that this bearer had been STUCKLY, which made me write as I did. Butt he is still in Irlande, and therfore I do not miche desire anything in his behalf.

Your's ever to do yow service,

Sherburn, this Wensday night.

W. R.

XIX

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*To the right honorabell Sir ROBERT CECYLL, Knight, Principall Secritorye, &c.*

SIR,

I AM of oppinion that ether Kynsale was not the place purposed to be undertaken, or else FLORENCE [MACCARTHY] was the cause therof, for the port bordereth his country. The towne is of small reseate, mastered by hills, and cumpassed with a weake wall. Butt wher as I herd that the Deputy and Presedent have written that they will make a short work of it, I am not altogether of that minde, and yet I do not thinck that Spayne will supply them in hast. Neather will thos Spanierds alreddy ther finde such a party as they hoped,— which may be some cause of thos governours' hopes. Butt, after a few dayes, yow shall here more; for, if the country stand sounde, then the

warr

warr wilbe the easier. Butt sure I am if thes Spanierds had cum in the begining of the warrs, the kingdome had bynn once lost. Yow shall finde, I warrant yow, that TIRRONE will bestire hymsealf in the north, and every rebell in his quarter. For this is the last of all hopes.

For MEERES, I thinck by this tyme yow finde the strenght of his villanous spirrite, and yet a more notorious cowardly brute never lived. Butt if hee do not submitt hymsealf, hee will triumph that hee hath resisted mee and my greatest frinds. All which I leve to your favorabell care, and rest your ever most faythfull, to do yow service,

W. RALEGH.

My wife sayes that yow came hither in an unseasonabell tyme, and had no leasure to looke abrode ; and that every day this place amends, and London, to her, groes worss and worss. I have sent away her Majestie's letters and your Honor's with all diligencie ; not doubting butt the soldiers, butt first apoynted and thes, shalbe reddy. My  
deputes

deputes have written to mee that they will arme the  
first 50 men. What they will do for thes, I know  
not

Endorsed : "*Sir Walter Raleigh to my Master. Without date;*" and in another hand, "*Oct. 1601.*"

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*Testamentary Note written by Sir Walter Raleigh on the night  
before his execution, November, 1618.*

*A Copy of the note written by Sir Walter Rawley, in his owne  
hand, which hee gave me for discharge of his conscience, &c.  
Endorsement of Sir Thomas Wilson, Keeper of the Tower.*

THERE is a lease of certaine parcells of land,  
claymed by one JOHN MEERE, near Sherborne  
Castle. MEERE clayming it by a grant of myne to  
one Captain THOMAS CAUFEILDE, I do protest  
before God I never made any lease or grant to  
CAUFEILDE of that land.

There is a lease in controversy betweene the  
Lord BOYLE and one HENRY PINE, of the Castle  
and lands of Mogile, in the county of Corck in  
Ireland ; and although I did write something at my  
going from Ireland towards Guiana to the prejudice  
of PINE's lease, yet since that time better bethinking  
myself,

myself, I desire that the opinion which I gave of PINE's lease may be no evidence in law against PINE, but that it may be left to other proofes on both sydes.

I desire that my wife, if shee enjoy her goods, may have consideration of CHRISTOPHER HAMON'S wyfe. That my wife do in any case, according to her ability, relieve Mr. JOHN TALBOR's wife, who, I feare me,—her sonn being deade,—will otherwise perish.

Sir LEWIS STUKELEY sold all the tobacco at Plimouth of which, for the most part of it, I gave him a fist part of it, as also a role for my Lord Admirall and a role for himself. He had also tenn peeces of mee the Sonday that wee tooke boate, which he pretended to borrow to send his men into the country, which notwithstanding hee sent downe the river to joyne with Mr. HARBERT I desire that hee may give his account for the tobacco.

W. RALEGH.

APPENDIX

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I

*Official Report of Proceedings at Smerwicke:  
Women hanged and Two Men mutilated.*

STATE PAPERS—IRELAND, 1580, NOVEMBER.

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The vi<sup>th</sup> of this Monethe my Lorde lieinge in Campe betwene Dingley and Smerwicke newes came to his Honor of the arrivall of S'r Will'm Winter in the haven of Smerwick withe the Revendge, the Swifte Sure, the Tyger & the Merlyon and other Shippes of her Ma<sup>v</sup>, & also of three barques fraughted from Lymerick and Corke w<sup>th</sup> victuells vpon w<sup>ch</sup> advertism<sup>t</sup> his Lo: on the morrowe after m'ched towardes the fortes and comynge w<sup>th</sup>in vewe thereof the Spanyardes dischardged a great peece at a trope of Horsmen attendinge his honnor, at w<sup>ch</sup> tyme the M<sup>r</sup> of Thordnnce verie narowlie escaped. And the vovewarde marchinge of my Lo: w<sup>th</sup> a smale Company drewe nere w<sup>th</sup>in dawnger of shott where-

vpon

vpon xxx<sup>te</sup> of the forte issued forthe and did skirmishe w<sup>th</sup> o' men that after none, and theare great ordn'nce and certayne muskett<sup>ns</sup> lienge at rest in certayne trenches dischardged at vs as faste as might be and the Shippes w<sup>th</sup> their ordn'nce at the fortess duringe w<sup>ch</sup> tyme my Lo: in psone M<sup>r</sup> Zouche & other attendinge him tooke vewe of the fortess, and came w<sup>th</sup>in vj score paces of the Rampier there was dischardged out of the fortess above vi<sup>c</sup> shott that after none greate and smale and no man towched on o' syde (god be praysed) savinge that a Bullett from the forte after grazinge towched Cap<sup>ten</sup> Zouche on the legg and brake noe skine, and of the ennymyes, three slayne of there best Showldiers. That night two peeces of Ordyn'nce was landed and movnted and a trench made by the Showldyors and marryners and on the morrowe playde all the daye at the fortess and they likewise at vs besydes skymishinge betwene them and o' Showldiers and no man of o' pte hurte but of them ix of therechefest souldiors and one Cap<sup>ten</sup> were slayne w<sup>th</sup> two shott of o' Ordyn'nce & the night after w<sup>th</sup> a Rowlinge Trenche we came w<sup>th</sup>in vj score of the forte, and on the morrowe after certaine of o' shott were placed in the same trenche where M<sup>r</sup> Cheike showing himselfe was shott in the head w<sup>th</sup> a bullett

bullett & is in great daunger of deathe. At o<sup>r</sup> firste comyng they advaunced iiiij Ensignes & the Poopes banner in the middest of thinn'r forte w<sup>ch</sup> on the viij<sup>th</sup> daye they tooke downe and did set vpp two other, one all white and another all black w<sup>ch</sup> was for a token devised betwene Therle and then the meaning wherof was that if they fownde them selves weeke and vnable to kepe the fortes then Therle and John p'mysed to be on the movntaynes by w<sup>th</sup> M'M'M' mene, and vpon sight therof come downe w<sup>th</sup> there forces & Remove o<sup>r</sup> seidge, but in conclusion they never shewed their selves vpon w<sup>ch</sup> the morrowe after the black flagg was taken downe and the white lefte standinge w<sup>ch</sup> they waved towards us makinge an offer to pley. Vpon intelligence wherof geven to my Lo: his honnor sent Capt. Zouch and Capt. Mackworthe vnto them by whome they sente from the forte one of there cheifest menne called Alexander there Campe M<sup>r</sup> and one Plunckett borne nere to Drogheda, and after some conference had by my Lo: w<sup>th</sup> them, his honnor returned them backe willing them to sende their cheifest Capt<sup>tens</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> they did accordingly who comyng to his Lo: after some discourses of Faulke offred to yeeld vpp the ffortes, Soe as they might be licensed to depte w<sup>th</sup> Bag and baggadge

w<sup>ch</sup> my Lo: did not graune vnto them, Whervppon after his Lo: had declared vnto them that vnlesse they wolde simpie yeelde them selves w<sup>th</sup>out condic'on his Lo: wolde p'ceede to the assavlte and so they were sent backe to there Collonell where after they had remayned some while in consultac'on the Collonell and Cap<sup>tens</sup> came forth and yelded to my Lo: demaundes and lefte pledges to yealde vp the fforte the next morninge and brought w<sup>th</sup> them S<sup>r</sup> James ffitzgarrett who was taken by the Seneshall and given to them by Therle to be Ransomed at M<sup>l</sup>.

The morrowe after beinge the ix<sup>th</sup> of this monethe the ffortes were yeelded all the Irishmen and women hanged, and iiiij<sup>c</sup> and vpwardes of Italyans, Spanyardes, Byskins and others put to the sworde. The Collonell, Capt<sup>a</sup> Secretarie Camp M<sup>r</sup> and others of the best sorte saved to the number of xx<sup>th</sup> psones and doctor Saund . . . chief man an Englishman Plunckett a ffrayer and others kept in store to be executed after examynac'on had of them.

It is confessed that v<sup>m</sup> more are loked for daylie to be sente from the Pope and the Kinge of Spayne to lande here.

There was fownde in the ffortes good store of mony and a great quantitie of bisquett, Bacon,

oyle,

oyle, ffishe, Rise, Beanies, peas, Barley beinge by computac'on victuelles for there Company for halfe a yeare. There was also fownde Armor, morrions callyvers, mvsketts, pykes, swordes, fflasques harquebusses of croke, powder, shott, barrells of bulletts and other kinde of furniture to serve iiiij<sup>ml</sup> and sondry tooles for mene of all occupac'ons.

My Lo: after the Rasinge of the ffortes entendeth to repayre to Dingley, and there to fortefie and leave Capten Zouche with ccccl<sup>ii</sup> mene and soe to come homewardes throughe Connought as it is Reported.

This daye was Exec'ted an Englishman who served Doctor Sawnders, one Plunckett of whome before is wryten and an Irishe Preste theire armes and Legges were Broken and hanged vpon a Gallowes vpon the Wall of the fforte.

Endorsed : “*To the right honorable Sr ffrauncs Walsingham Knight principall Secretary to her.....and of her most honorable.....counsell yeue these hast.*”

II

*Queen Elizabeth's Letters about the Affair at  
Smerwick*

This was writtyn in } The mightie hand of the Al-  
Roman hand by her Ma. } mightiest power hathe showed  
on the top of the Lre. } manifest the force of his strengthe  
in the weakenes of feeblest sexe and  
mynds this yere to make men asshamed ever hereafter to  
disdaine vs, in w<sup>ch</sup> Action I joye that you have bin chose  
the Instrument of his glory w<sup>ch</sup> I meane to give you no  
cause to forthincke. Your loving Soveraygne,

ELIZABETH R.

*By the Queene.*

Trusty, &c. As the most happie successe youe  
haue latly had against certaine invad<sup>m</sup> sent by the  
Pope contayned in yo<sup>r</sup> l'res brought vnto vs by ou<sup>r</sup>  
seruant Denny doth incomparably shew the great-  
nes of god's loue & fauo<sup>r</sup> towards vs ; so yo<sup>r</sup> care  
& paine in following of the same and courage in  
execuc<sup>'on</sup> thereof, deserueth great thancks & comen-  
dac<sup>'ons</sup> at our hands. Wherein youe haue answered

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by effects y<sup>e</sup> good opinion we conceaued of yo<sup>r</sup> sufficiency at the tyme of our choise made of youe, to supply the place youe do now hold: not doubting but that hereafter there will appeare greater fruits of yo<sup>r</sup> valeur by reducing the deseased state of y<sup>e</sup> realme to such conformity as god may be better serued, we obayed and this our Realme not burthened w<sup>th</sup> charges as of late yeres it hath ben: wherein assure yo<sup>r</sup> self youe shall not lack ou<sup>r</sup> good countenance and fauo<sup>r</sup> in such measure as neyther enny nor practise shalbe able to preuayle against youe, & therefore vpon this assurance youe may proceede w<sup>th</sup> the more comfort in the charg comitted vnto youe. In this late enterprise performed by youe so greatly to ou<sup>r</sup> lyking we could haue wished that the p<sup>r</sup>ncipal persons of the said invad<sup>rs</sup> to whome youe haue p<sup>r</sup>mised grace w<sup>ch</sup> we will see performed, had ben reserued for vs, to haue extended towards them eyther Justice or mercy, as to vs should have ben founde best, ffor y<sup>i</sup> it seemeth to vs most agreeable to reason that a principall should receaue punishment before an accessory, w<sup>ch</sup> would haue serued for a terro<sup>r</sup> to such as may be hereafter drawen to be executioners of so wicked an enterprise when they should heare that aswell the heads as the inferio<sup>r</sup>s had receaued punishment according to theire demerits. Vpon the great  
good

good report youe haue giuen vnto vs of such Captaines & soldiers as in this enterpise did assist youe for theire great forwardnes & courage shewed in performing this so acceptable a service to vs we would haue youe let them vnderstand in how thanckfull part we accept the same, and so much the rather for y<sup>t</sup> we haue ben informed what great penury they haue sustayned in our seruice there not only for want of necessary victuell, but also in respect of the badnes and vnseruiceablenes of such scarcity as they had. Wherein as we to our great greefe howlding nothing so deear as the pr'seruac'on of the healthe and lyves of the subjects thinck ourself very ill s'rved by such inferior mynisters to whome the charg thereof hath ben comitted, so you may let them vnderstande y<sup>t</sup> we will see y<sup>t</sup> better order be taken hereafter aswell in that as in all oth<sup>r</sup> things requisite for theire better comfort and encouragement & for the advancement of our s'rvice.

Endorsed: "12<sup>o</sup> Decemb. 1580 at Westm". Minute from the Queenes Ma<sup>t</sup> to the L. Gray L. depute of Ireland." Entered.

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Right trustye &c. Whereas we haue ben infourmed that certen reports haue ben caryed ou'r

vnto

vnto yo, that you should be out of o<sup>r</sup> grace and fauor, wherw<sup>th</sup> we heare you are greatly greeved and discomforted, we haue thought good to let you vnderstand that though in very deede we haue conceaued some mislike of the continuance of o<sup>r</sup> great chardgs in that realme and for that things weare not so carefully looked vnto and husbanded for our most proffit, as y<sup>t</sup> seemid vnto vs they might haue ben but rather that there was some more regarde had to y<sup>e</sup> gratefyng of y<sup>e</sup> Captens and Souldio<sup>n</sup> especyally by contyneweinge dyvines in pension vppon no great cavse of desert by servyce as also couered vnecessary offycers then of easing of o<sup>r</sup> chardgs, and that so great numbers, as the garrison did of late ryse vnto, weare continued longer in paye then the necessitye of o<sup>r</sup> s'ruice (weyng the burthen of th' excessyve chardgs we did therby susteyne,) did require, yet the same mislike did not proceede so farr to make vs forgett the great good s'rviscs you haue don vs many wayes but cheefely in the late exployt you did against the straingers that had invaded y<sup>e</sup> realme, w<sup>th</sup> next to gods dyvyne providence we must needes acknowledge as the second meanes wherby the whole land was pres'rued from the hazard and danger w<sup>th</sup> otherwyes y<sup>t</sup> was likely to haue fallen into, for the w<sup>th</sup> as we do carye a thanckfull remembraunce

towards

towards you, so do we still retayne that good opinion we haue alwayes conceyuid of yo<sup>r</sup> sincere good will and deuoc'on to the furtheraunce of o<sup>r</sup> s'ruice accompanied w<sup>th</sup> no lesse fidelitye and sufficiencye eny waye to pfourme the same. Wherfore we wishe you not to be any way greeued or discouraged thorough any such sinister reports as may be made vnto you of o<sup>r</sup> meaning towards you but rather to proceede on cherefuly to do yo<sup>r</sup> best indevo<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> well executing of y<sup>e</sup> chardge committed vnto you, as we ar in good hope by yo<sup>r</sup> meanes and carefull trauell that realme shalbe shortlye reduced to such a settled and peaceable estate of gou'rnement as both o<sup>r</sup> chardges shalbe hereafter spared and the people conteynid w<sup>th</sup>in the bounds of due obeydience towards vs, for the bringinge wherof to passe according to such order and direction as you shall receaue from vs in that behalf, you shall not want o<sup>r</sup> best fauo<sup>r</sup> helpe and counter'nce, as ap'teyneth to a man of yo<sup>r</sup> qualite & good des'rte that occupyeth that place in o<sup>r</sup> s'ruice tha you do and of whom we haue conceaued so good an opinion & liking.

Endorsed : "From hir Ma<sup>re</sup> to the L: Deputie." Entred.

III

*Sir Walter Ralegh's Reckonings*

STATE PAPERS—IRELAND, 1583, JAN.—FEB.  
BUNDLE 99.

THE reconyng or Accompte of Walter Rawleie gent, Capteine of C<sup>14</sup> foootemen for such somes of monerie as by her Ma<sup>re</sup> is growne dewe vnto him and the Bande under his Leading, viz.:—

first for the wages of him selfe at iiiij<sup>s</sup> p diem a pete capteine  
ij<sup>s</sup> p diem, iiiij<sup>s</sup> officers xij<sup>d</sup> the peice & C<sup>14</sup> foootemen at viij<sup>s</sup>  
the peice p diem for iiiij daisies begin<sup>r</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> Julii 1580 and ending  
the laste of Septemb<sup>r</sup> following amount vnto vnto as by Warrunte  
of the xx<sup>a</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1580 appeareth.  
And for his saide wages of iiiij<sup>s</sup> p diem a pete capteaine ij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>s</sup>  
officers xij<sup>d</sup> the peice and C<sup>14</sup> foootemen at viij<sup>s</sup> the peice p diem  
xx<sup>s</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> daisies begin<sup>r</sup> p'mo Aprillis 1582 and ending vltmro  
for ciiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>s</sup> daisies begin<sup>r</sup> p'mo Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1582 app' eth.  
Septemb<sup>r</sup> following as by Warrunte xx<sup>m</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1582 app' eth.  
Also for the wages of xij horsemen at ix<sup>s</sup> the peice p diem for  
ciiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>s</sup> daisies begin<sup>r</sup> p'mo Aprillis 1582 & ending the last of Sep-  
temb<sup>r</sup> following as by Warrunte xx<sup>m</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1582 app' eth.  
And lastlie he is allowed oold pence for victualling of his  
footebande and horsebande aforesayde viz:—cvj allowan<sup>r</sup> for his  
footebande at i<sup>d</sup> per everie allowance p diem for cccxlv<sup>s</sup> daisies  
begin<sup>r</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> Julii 1580 and ending the last of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1582  
xij<sup>s</sup> xvij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> ster. and xij allowances for the saide horsemen<sup>r</sup> at  
v<sup>s</sup> per everie allowance p diem for cxlii<sup>s</sup> daisies begin<sup>r</sup> p'mo  
februar<sup>r</sup> 1580 and ending the last of Septemb<sup>r</sup> afforesayd—  
lxij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> ster. Amounting in all by Concordat<sup>r</sup> of the  
xxvij<sup>s</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1582 To cclx<sup>s</sup> xij<sup>d</sup> ster. fac<sup>r</sup> irish.

cccccxlvij<sup>s</sup> A<sup>s</sup> A<sup>s</sup> ob<sup>r</sup> whereto<sup>r</sup>

cccxlvij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>s</sup> Ex<sup>r</sup>

cccxlvij<sup>s</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> Ex<sup>r</sup>

cccxlvij<sup>s</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> Ex<sup>r</sup>

cccccxlvij<sup>s</sup>

<p>Cheques contayned in the late Warrantt for ffootemen Checked by Tho'd pence Prestes by S'r Henrie Walloppe Knighte Tre'r at Ware's by certifie' of Michaelle Ketewell Vichells certifyed by Thom's Migitte cxxxvij<sup>s</sup> xij<sup>d</sup> by Jo. Thickpenny lxix<sup>s</sup> lx<sup>d</sup> v<sup>a</sup> and by Ja. Brunklowe xl<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup> ob<sup>v</sup> In all cxcij<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>d</sup> ob<sup>w</sup> is charged ster for that he is allowed odd pence for victuellinge monae and maketh irish Munycons certifyed by the Mr of the Ordynance Beoves of the Marshall in the Campe xvij dales at xij<sup>d</sup> the peice</p> <p>The clerke of the Cheeques Deputie Will'm Puckring Sgeon The Citizens of Lymricke by bill xix<sup>s</sup> Novemb'r 1580 viij<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup> ster. and bill of the xij<sup>s</sup> of April 1582 signed by Michaelle Buttler his Liuetenant viij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> sterling. In all sterling— viiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> making irish Thinhabitants of Clommell by bill of the x<sup>a</sup> of Julie 1582 signed by Michaelle Buttler xl<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> ster' fac' ir' Thinhabitants of Killmallocke by bill xxvij<sup>s</sup> Novemb'r 1580— xxx<sup>s</sup> ster' making irish</p> <p>Him selfe</p> <p>M<sup>a</sup> &amp;c.</p>	<p>xxvij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> viij<sup>a</sup> xxxvij<sup>s</sup> xvij<sup>d</sup> ob<sup>v</sup> q<sup>v</sup> xxxvij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> q<sup>v</sup></p> <p>cxxxij<sup>s</sup> xvij<sup>d</sup> x<sup>a</sup> cxxxij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> j<sup>a</sup> xvij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup></p> <p>lxij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> xl<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup></p> <p>xij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> v<sup>a</sup> q<sup>v</sup></p> <p>lx<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup> q<sup>v</sup> xl<sup>s</sup></p> <p>dcccij<sup>s</sup> xix<sup>d</sup> viij<sup>a</sup> ob<sup>v</sup> q<sup>v</sup> ir' making sterling dciij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> ix<sup>a</sup> ob<sup>v</sup></p>
<p>And so remayneth lewe To</p>	<p>Captain Rawliees first Reconynce</p>

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BUNDLE 99—(continued).

for the wages of hym selfe at iiiij<sup>s</sup> p diem, a pete-captaine ij<sup>s</sup>  
ijij<sup>s</sup> officers xij<sup>d</sup> the peice and Cth footelemen at viij<sup>d</sup> the peice  
p diem for cxliij daisies begin' the first of October 1582 and ending  
the xx<sup>a</sup> of febribur<sup>r</sup> next following w<sup>m</sup> daie they weare dis-  
charged as by Warrante of the last of febribur<sup>r</sup> 1582 app'reteth  
Also for the wages of xii horsemen at ix<sup>d</sup> the peice p diem  
for the tyme aforesayd as by Warrante viij<sup>d</sup> febribur<sup>r</sup> 1582  
app'reteth  
And for the wages of Ruben Senton Vietnalle<sup>r</sup> unto the sayd  
bande in respecte of Wastes and Loses sustayned by yssuynge  
of victuells to the sayde compagine for the sayde cxliij daisies  
the Last of febribur<sup>r</sup> 1582  
Also for thallowance of odd pence for victualling of his sayde  
bande viz :—cvi allowances at ijd ster<sup>r</sup> the peice p diem for  
cxliij daisies begin' p'mo Octob'r 1581 and ending the xx<sup>th</sup> of  
febriburie following amounting to by Concordatu<sup>r</sup> viti'o  
febribur<sup>r</sup> 1582 lxijij' ijij' ij<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup> ob' q' sterlinc making irish  
And lastlie for Oate and victualling monerie for the saide xii<sup>s</sup>  
horsemen at vd' q' ster. the peice p diem for cxliij daisies begin'  
the first of October 1582 and ending the xx<sup>th</sup> of febribur<sup>r</sup> next  
following amount to as by Concordatu<sup>r</sup> of the sayde last of  
febribur<sup>r</sup> 1582 app'reteth xxxvij' x' ix<sup>d</sup> ster. fac' irish

Dewe to  
him

dcvj' x' xij' ob' d' q' whereto

xxij'

Cheques contained in the first Warrante of full paie  
 Checked also of thodd pence xi' ix' ob' q' ster' fac' irish  
 Prestes by S'r Henry Walloppe Knighte Tre'r by certyficate of  
 Michuell Ketlewell

Deducted for  
 Victuells certefied by Thomas Mightie Victualler cov' xvij*d*  
 and by James Brunklowe lxvij*s* iiij*d* In all cvij*s* xix*d*  
 we is chardged ster for that he hath allowance of odd pence  
 for victuallinge monerie & maketh irish  
 Munyc'ons certeyfied by the M'r of Thordynce  
 The Clerke of the cheques deputie  
 Will'm Pickringe Surgeon

Thom's Holmes Soldiour by Tickett signed by Michaell Buttler  
 Luiletten' viij' vj' iiij' sterlinge making irish  
 Richard Dickinso[n] soldiour by Tickett signed by the sayde  
 dewe To  
 And so rem' luiletten' iiij' vj' ster' making irish

Him selfe

M<sup>a</sup> &c.  
 Endorsed Captaine Rawleies seconde  
 Reconyng.

xxvij*s* viij*d*  
 lliij*s* v*d*  
 clxvj*s* viij*d*  
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 xxiiij*s* xiiij*d*  
 xxxij*s* iiiij*d*  
 xxxij*s* iiiij*d*  
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 making sterlinge  
 clxxvij*s* viij*d*

IV

*Captain Ralegh's Pay*

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*S<sup>r</sup> Henry Wallop to my L.*

11 feb. 1582.

Ryght honorable, by a letter of S<sup>r</sup> ffrauncs Wallinghames of the first herof I perceve ther is 5000<sup>l</sup> assygned for y<sup>e</sup> payment of the 700 last discharged, wherof by order ther is paide to S<sup>r</sup> George Bowser 300<sup>l</sup>, to S<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Malbie 200<sup>l</sup> and to Mr. Rawley 200<sup>l</sup>.

My good L. my hope is that vpon the former certificats what mony more is requisite tobe had for the full paie of the three thousand and odd first discharged, and the great wants those yet in paie are in for lacke of mony and certaine debtts besydes due here to sondrie Parsons as by my particular lett<sup>r</sup> appeereth that much the rather by yo<sup>r</sup> L. good meanes money answerable to the necessities shalbe sent and therefore of that matter will no further troble yo<sup>r</sup> L. being right sorie that I am so continually enforced thervnto for meny causes.

Yf

Yf her ma<sup>te</sup> might be drawen to make a full paie and then advaunce allwaies such a som'e as might serve for the garysons here (w<sup>ch</sup> now are not great) for iij moneths, so as the soldio<sup>r</sup> might eith<sup>r</sup> have his moneths paie before hand, or paide him at the ende of everie monethe, in my symple opinion it wolde much advance the service, be profitable for hir ma<sup>te</sup> and avoid many inconveniencies.

Capt<sup>a</sup> Barkeley is nowe discharged of his whole band, who I thinke will fall out quaid by reason he is continually victualled out of the store, and of the 800<sup>l</sup> he had at one tyme off Pellysons agents in mony and wares as formerly I adu<sup>r</sup>tised yo<sup>r</sup> L: I gave no certificat that any such som'e was due to the said Capt<sup>a</sup>, and therfore yo<sup>r</sup> L. may staie the payment of the said Pollyson, oth<sup>r</sup>waies y<sup>e</sup> losse wilbe her ma<sup>ties</sup>.

I perceve that Pollysons agents both here and in Mounster have gotten and daylie do gett many billes into ther hands, thoughe I haue forewarned them that I will certifie none of them into England. I haue thought it also my duetie therof to certifie yo<sup>r</sup> L. that they may not be paid in England, for yf they be, over many of o<sup>r</sup> Captaines will fall out quaid, and I not able to helpe it, w<sup>ch</sup> falleth owt nowe in the late Capt<sup>a</sup> ffyrres, his reckoning, that by reason if billes certified into England that I am

not

not acquainted w<sup>th</sup> his dewe is not sufficient to paie his victualls, munition, and satisfie his company.

Yf all billes certified M<sup>r</sup>. Audito<sup>r</sup> shalbe paid in England, the losse wilbe great to hir ma<sup>te</sup>, and my accompt much the more troublesome, wherfore I am most humbly to intreat yo<sup>r</sup> L. that no paiement of any billes may be made but by me, or my assignement.

ffor Capt<sup>a</sup> Rawley, his owne request was of the 600 odde pounds due to him at Michaelmasse, that yf I had had y<sup>t</sup> to have paid his agent here, the one halfe sholde have bene sent to his companie. Wherfore it shall do well he be paid no more vntill his company be satisfied and his accompt made, ffor not knowing nor having geven any direction ffor his paiement in England, vpon his discharge I sent his company 200<sup>l</sup> into Mounster. Wherw<sup>th</sup> craving pardon of my co'tinuall over boldnes most humbly I take my Leave of yo<sup>r</sup> L. praying Th' almyghtie longe to prosper yo<sup>a</sup>.

Yo<sup>r</sup> L. most bounden and at com'aundement,  
H. WALLOP.

Dublin this xi<sup>th</sup> of februarie 1581.

Endorsed: "To the ryght honorable my very good L. the L. Burleigh....gh Treasure<sup>r</sup> of England....these at the Courte.

V

*Ralegh's Muster-Roll, 1587*

STATE PAPERS—IRELAND, 1587.

BUNDLE 129. No. 77.

S<sup>r</sup> Walter Rawleigh knight his musteroll taken  
before S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Norys, xi May 1587.

Andrewe Clothurst Capten  
Thoms Colthurst lyfeten'nt  
Rob't Mawley  
George longe  
Godfrey bricklaid  
John Warren  
Geoffrey tottell  
Thoms Dowdall  
Edmond Wicklow  
Ambrose Wyld  
fferdoro m<sup>c</sup> Shey  
Chachire m<sup>c</sup> donogh  
John fitz gerrott

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Phillip

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Phillip thickpeny  
Will'm love  
Robert Pyndie  
John Lee  
Nicholas Lawrence  
Thom's Sewell  
Thoms blacklett

VI

*Lord Burghley's Notes of Raleigh's Opinions as to  
the Forces to be kept in Munster*

STATE PAPERS—IRELAND, 1582, OCTOBER.

BUNDLE 96. Nos. 30, 31.

The opinio' of Mr. Rawley vppo' motio's made  
to hym for y<sup>e</sup> meanes of subdvy'g y<sup>e</sup> rebellio' in  
Monster.

first he thynketh that the Q. Ma<sup>r</sup> forces alone  
w<sup>t</sup>out a' excessyve chardg by a' army y<sup>t</sup> may s'rve  
to laye garrisos in every cou'trye, will not subdew  
y<sup>e</sup> rebell. for he shall be so releved in every contrye,  
where the e'glish souldiors ca'not follow hym, as by  
fly'g fro' co'ntry to co'ntry he will hold vp his head  
a long tyme.

Therfor he thynketh it nedfull to have y<sup>e</sup> help  
and concurre'cy of dyvers lords of particular  
co'ntryes to ioyne in this servyce and herin he  
sayth, ther ar man'y such at this tyme y<sup>t</sup> adhere to  
y<sup>e</sup> Erle of Desmo'd, which hertofer was good sub-

iects and s'rved ageynst the Erle, and so'e of them being evill vsed by y<sup>e</sup> English soldiors, and havy'g an opinio' y<sup>t</sup> in the end, her Ma<sup>v</sup> will both pardo' and restore the Erle as hertofor he hath bene, they do y<sup>e</sup> rather follow hym for feare, to be hereaft' played by hy', if now they should not follow hy' And therfor if man'y of them war p'vatly delt w'all to retorn to y<sup>e</sup> s'veice of hir Ma<sup>v</sup>, and to be pmitted to possess ther ow' co'ntryes getly, and war well pswaded that the Erle shuld never be restored, they wold be brought to s'rve hir Ma<sup>v</sup>, and i'peach y<sup>e</sup> rebell fro' entry into ther co'ntryes and so hir Ma<sup>v</sup> Garriso's might to more purpooss both defend other co'ntryes worth defence and also ye more savely pursue y<sup>e</sup> Rebell.

And to explane this generall opinio' in a pticular sort.

It is thought good y<sup>t</sup> these ps ons hereafter named might be revocked by pardo' to hir Ma<sup>v</sup>'s s'veice, wherby ye Erle shall be left very weak, and shall have almost no place to co'tynew in.

The first is ye Lord Fitzmoryce, baro' of Lexnaw who in all former tymes hath hated y<sup>e</sup> Erle of Desmo'd and suffred gret damag's by w<sup>t</sup>-standy'g of him and hath allweis sovght to be defended agay'st the Erle by y<sup>e</sup> Q. Ma<sup>v</sup>. this ma' being reclaymid, a small to of hir Ma<sup>v</sup> forces

cov'tena'cy'g

cov'tena'cy'g hym, shall kepe y<sup>e</sup> Erle out of Kyrry,  
or els shall so cross hym if he become thyth' as he  
shall not be hable to tarry long there.

The second is to have Don'ogh M<sup>c</sup>Cormock y<sup>t</sup>  
was com'itted p'soner to Cork for p'tendy'g right to  
y<sup>e</sup> Co'nty called Dowallay, to be also by pardo'  
revocued to hir Ma<sup>ys</sup> S<sup>r</sup>vice, and to be restored  
to his own Co'nty, wherto he hath right, and at  
this tyme, a child, pr'soner therto, whose father  
slew Don'oghs father being y<sup>e</sup> lawfull possessor of  
y<sup>e</sup> Co'nty. this ma' hath hertofore s'rved also  
agey'st the rebell, and being com'itted to pr'son,  
after he escaped, he avowed only to recov' his own  
co'trey, and not to s'rve agey'st any e'glishma'.

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Earle  
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The third pso' tobe recovered, is patryck  
Co'do' lord of y<sup>e</sup> Condo's co'ntreye and s'rvereth  
the Erle at this tyme but for feare of his  
restitutio', for his co'ntreye is subiect allweise  
to y<sup>e</sup> spoyle of y<sup>e</sup> Erle.

The 4th pso' is y<sup>e</sup> whyt knyght, on also y<sup>t</sup>  
hath s'rved the Qu. and mete to be draw' fro'  
y<sup>e</sup> Erle.

All w<sup>th</sup> ps ons ar to be recovered cheifly by  
the Erle of Ormo'd or by suche as one as the  
countrey hathe good likinge vnto.

If these 4 may be recovered fro' y<sup>e</sup> Erle they  
and the rest y<sup>t</sup> ar sownd subiects as all y<sup>e</sup>

Mackartyes,

Mackartyes, y<sup>e</sup> more, reagh, y<sup>e</sup> lord Roche, power,  
and now y<sup>e</sup> vico't barryes, w<sup>t</sup> the Q. forces placed  
as hereaft' ar named, shall be hable to subdew y<sup>e</sup>  
Erle and all y<sup>e</sup> rest of his followers, w<sup>t</sup> will not be  
man'y to co'tynew.

It'm. these 4 pso's being recovered fro' y<sup>e</sup> Erle  
may be also induced to surre'der ther Co'ntreyes  
to hir Ma<sup>v</sup>, and to receive them by gra't from hir  
Ma<sup>v</sup>, yeldy'g a certen rent, to be discharged of  
Cess to souldiors.

The opinio' for placy'g of y<sup>e</sup> Garriso's.

At Killmallock	horsem.	1
	footeme'	ij <sup>o</sup>
at Mallo vppo' y <sup>t</sup>		
brode water	horss'	xx
	footeme'	j <sup>o</sup>
In tipperary	horssme'	j <sup>o</sup>

I think to p'fome the service thereby ther shall need  
thes companies,

In Killmallocke 200 foot' & 50 horse.

At Malo or ther aboute as manye.

In the border of Tiberary 100 horse the bande of  
Carbery to defend the west p't therof & serve  
vpon the macswynes w<sup>th</sup> amountethe vnto 500  
footmen & 200 horse beside wardes w<sup>th</sup> forces may  
be continewed for a short tyme vntill the lords  
above named be drawnen from the Earle, then  
cashed & supply other bandes.

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In Carberry footemen	j*
In ye Wards of	Askettyn . . 12
	ly'merick . . 6
	Castell many . 12
	y° Glandy (?) . 8
	Di'gle . . 32
	lovghyrr (?) . 4
	Yowghall . . 20
	Do'garva' . . 16
Total horsme' . j <sup>l</sup> xx	
footme' . iiij*	vj <sup>e</sup> lxxxx
Wards . j*x	

Of the 20 at Asketon & the 10 at Limbrick ther may be taken away 10 and added to the 20 of the dingle levinge at Limbrick Castle 6, & at Asketon 14, and 30 at Dingle, it may be inquired whether they of the Dingle will not vndertake to keepe some place of them sealves w<sup>th</sup>out a warde as I have heard they will.

It is also necessary that all y° soldiors be so p'vyded o<sup>r</sup> in ther paye as they lyve not vppo' y° Cess of y° Contry, for if they shall, y° disorder ca' not be avoyded, but the people will be so opposed, as they will rather adhere to y° rebells, than to suffer y° pilladg of y° soldior. The Victualls, munic'on, & tresor for Mounstre should be sent to Corke or Lymbricke & not had from Debelin.

If m. y° lords of y° severall co'ntryes may be induced, to contribut to hir Ma<sup>v</sup> sondry soo's of mon'y in reco'pe'ce of y° burthe' of Cess wherin,

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now at y<sup>e</sup> begy'nyng so'e moderatio' wold be vsed,  
because y<sup>e</sup> co'ntryes ar gretly wasted but aft<sup>r</sup> or.

	The Erle of Desmo'd.
In Inskelly.	The Seneshall.
in Arlogh.	Garrett fitz Thomas of y <sup>e</sup> Gerald'y'a. y <sup>e</sup> principall sept of y <sup>e</sup> Browns blyck brow', son to Thomas brow' y <sup>e</sup> was slayn. Jho' brow' was slain whose dorght <sup>r</sup> Appaley married.
in Con'elogh.	Nich. fitzw <sup>m</sup> y <sup>e</sup> recevor kylled by estoft he was M <sup>r</sup> shall } killed by Brya' M <sup>r</sup> Don'ell Myrryck } y <sup>e</sup> Erle of Capt. of ye Erles kernlygh Ormo'd. M <sup>r</sup> Cann in Co'nelogh M <sup>r</sup> Thomas of y <sup>e</sup> pallace killed by y <sup>e</sup> whyt knight with xxiiij mo. by order of y <sup>e</sup> Erle of Ormo'd. M <sup>r</sup> Mack Thomas he lyveth.
in Ker'y betwixt Aden and Askety.	Pursell so'n of p'sell of Ballyholla' vpon y <sup>e</sup> Ryver of Adar y <sup>e</sup> was chac.' of lym'eryck.
	The Whyt Knight. Edmu'd fitz Gibbon als' Edmu'd M <sup>r</sup> Rvddery so' to Gibbo's y <sup>e</sup> was attaynted.

VII

*Sir Walter Ralegh's Lease of Cuil-na-clofionna*  
("the Nook of the White Stone")\*

THIS INDENTURE made the one and twentieth day  
of July in the thirtith yeare of the raign of our  
Soveraign Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God of  
England, Fraunce and Ireland, Queene, Defendor  
of the faith &c. Between the honorable Sir Walter  
Ralegh, Knight, Warden of her Majesties Stanneries  
in the counties of Devon and Cornewall and one  
of the principall undertakers with her Majestie for  
the repeoplinge and inhabitinge the attainted and  
escheated lands in the counties of Corke and  
Waterfoud in the Province of Munster in her  
highnes Realme of Ireland of thone partie, And  
John Clever of London, gentleman of thother

\* From the original preserved at Ralegh's house. His signature and seal were cut off and exhibited in England some years ago, and then returned to Youghal. The precis on the back, "21 July, 1588. Cuolycloghsy Fynnay leased for a 100 yeares, commencing the 30<sup>th</sup> yeare Elizæ reginæ," is in his handwriting.

partie,

partie, Witnesseth that the said Sir Walter Ralegh for divers good causes and reasonable considerations him hereunto especially movinge, Hath demised, graunted, betaken and to farme letten, and by these presents doth demise, graunte, betake and to farme lett unto the said John Clever, all that ploughland commonly called or knownen by the name of Coultie Closinia sett and beinge within the Barrony Inchequyn Ralegh in the countie of Corke aforesaid, with foure hundred acres of arable land and ferme, woods, hereunto belonginge, and if there be not foure hundred acres of arable land and farme within the said plough land of Coultie Closynia aforesaid. Then the said Sir Walter Ralegh willett and graunteth, and by these presents doth demise and graunt unto the said John Clever, that there shall be taken out of the lands of Polla-more, or out of the lands next adjoyninge unto the aforesaid Coultie Closynia as much as together with the farme woods, shall make upp the just number of foure hundred acres of arable land, the same to be measured by the Standard measure of Winchester, within the Realme of England. Together with all, and hill, mountain of woods, underwoods, waters, weares, Rivers, poulls, fords, marshes, moors, boggs, mountains, barren heaths, wast grounds, comons, foullinge,

fishinge.

fishinge, hawkinge, huntinge, and all other profits, comodities and advantages whatsoever, to the same premises belonging, or in any wise apperteyning. Except and allwayes reserved out of thes present demise and graunte unto the said Sir Walter Ralegh his heires and assignes the Royalties of the same premises and all wreackes of the sea, that shall happen within the same premisses, To have and to hold all and singular the same demised premisses and every parcell thereof with the appurtenances (except before excepted) unto the said John Clever, his executors and assignes, from the feast of Sainct Michaell the Archangell next ensuing the date hereof unto the end and tearme of one hundred years from thence next ensuinge and fully to be compleat and ended. Yielding and Payinge therefore yearely, duringe three of the said yeares, (viz.) from the end of the year of our Lord God, which shall be one Thowsand five hundred foure score and nyne, from and after the decease of the Ladie Cattelyn old Countesse dowager of Desmound, widdowe, untill the end of the yeare of our Lord God, which shall be, 1593, unto the said Sir Walter Ralegh, his heires or assignes, five pounds of good and lawful money of England, at two feasts or tearmes of the year, that is to say, at the feasts of the Aununciation of our

Ladie

Ladie S<sup>t</sup>. Mary, the Virgine and S<sup>t</sup>. Michæl The Archangell, by even portions, and also fower capons or hennes, at the feasts of Easter and Christmas, if they be demanded, and also yeldinge and payinge therefore yearly to the said Sir Walter Ralegh his heires or assignes during the residue of the said terme, beginning from and after the decease of the said Countesse, and after the end of the said yeare of our Lord God, which shall be 1593, the yearly rent of Tenne pounds of lawful money of England, at the said two feasts, which of them shall first happen after the death of the said Countess and after the end of the said year, 1593, the first payment thereof shall begyne and also fower capons or hennes, at the feasts of Easter and Christmas, if they be demanded, And if it shall happen, either the said yearly rents of five pounds or tenne pounds to be behind and unpaid, in part or in all, after any of the said feasts, in which the same ought to be paid, by the space of one whole year, being lawfully demanded, and no sufficient distresse in or upon the same premises may or can be found. That then and from thencefourth, this present lease, demise and graunte and every article and sentence therein conteyned shall be utterly void and of none effect, Any thinge herein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding, And

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the said John Clever for himself his executors, Administrators and Assigneſ covenenteth and graunteth, to and with the said Sir Walter Ralegh his heires and assignes by these presents, to find from tyme to tyme, after the decease of the said Countesse and after the end of the said year 1593 a ſufficient light horse with man and furniture, to the ſaid Sir Walter Ralegh, his heires and assignes in the affairs of the Croune of Ireland, And also ſhall and will, at his and their oun proper costs and charge, erect, build upp and fynishe, in and by all things one mansion or dwelling house in and upon the ſame premises, at or before the eafe of S<sup>t</sup>. Michael, which ſhall be 1593. And ſhall also before the ſame eafe, at his and their proper costs and charges &c., likewiſe encloſe with hedge, ditchē and quicke ſett, one hundred acres, and keep the ſame in good and ſufficient reparation and fencinge. And the ſame ſo well and ſufficiently repaired and amended, in the end of the ſaid tearme or other evacuation of this preſent demife, ſhall leave and yeld upp unto the ſaid Sir Walter Ralegh, his heires or assignes for every acre of bogg, mountaine or barren heath, that is or ſhall be converted to good ground, one penny sterlīng, if it ſhall ſo ſale out, that the Queenes Majestie, her heires or ſuccessors ſhall have

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have or demand of the said Sir Walter Ralegh his heires or assignes for every acre of the same land one farthinge or half penny. And also shall leave at every fall of any of the woods of the same premises, Twenty and five stands in every acre, according to the custom of England.

And the said Sir Walter Ralegh for himself and his heires, executors and assignes, doth covenant, promise and grant to and with the said John Clever, his executors and assignes, by theis presents, that he the said John Clever, his executors and assignes, for the several yearly rents before in theis presents reserved, and under the covenants, graunts, articles and agreements herein conteyned, which on his or their parts are and ought to be observed and kept, shall or may by virtue hereof peaceable and quietly have, hold, occupie, possess and enjoy the same demised premises and every parcell thereof, with the appurtenances, (except before excepted) without any lawful lett, troble, deniali, or interruption of the said Sir Walter Ralegh his heires or assignes, discharged or otherwise sufficiently saved or kept harmless, as well of and from all and all manner of former bargaynes, sales, guifts, grants, leases, trobles, chardges, and incombrances whatsoever, As also of all bond services, Irishe customes arrerages

arrerages of rents and other endempnities whatsoever had, made or done, or caused to be done by the said Sir Walter Ralegh, his heires or assignes, or by any other person or persons, whatsoever claymynge from, by, or under him, them or any of them, during the foresaid terme. In Witnes whereof the said parties to these present Indentures interchaungable have put their hands and seals.

Sir W. R.'s  
Seal

W. Ralegh

Yeoven the day and yeare first above written . Mem. that this word (Closynia) amended in three .  
Indenture as aforesaid was done with the assents , parties before thensealinge hereof. Teste me Nichols

Recognitum coram me Laur. Husc' uno Magistrorum cancellarii  
dictæ dominæ reginæ, secundo die Augusti, anno regni  
sui supradicto.

Endorsed : “ *Sigillatum et deliberatum in presentib⁹ mei  
Henrici Donoghy, scriba.*”

VIII

*Royal Warrant, under the Sign Manual and  
Signet\**

*By the Queen.*

*For the Countesse of Desmond, to the Lord Deputy.*

ELIZABETH. R.

Right trusty and welbeloved, we greete you well. Whereas the Countesse of Desmond hath bene an humble suitor unto us, to releve her poore estate and miserye, wherunto she is brought by her late husband's rebellion against us. We having compassion of her, are pleased of our gracious princely favor, for her releefe to bestowe upon her, a yeerly pencion of twoo hundred pounds sterling, to be quarterly paid unto her or her assignes, out of our Exchequer, of that our Relm, during our pleasure, And therfore we will and commaund you to cause a patent to be made from us, and passed under our greate Seale, of that our Relm of Ireland, of the said

\* From the original preserved at Ralegh's house.

annuity

annuity of 11 hundred pounds by yeere, to be paid quarterly as aforesaid from the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady 1587, to the said Countess, by the hands of our Tresorer at warres there for the tyme being, eyther of such monny as comith to his hands of our Revenue there, or of such treasure as shall be from time to tyme assigned from our hands to him for that our Relm, and the same to be charged in the accompt, for that our Relm. Willing you furder to have that care, and to take such order for the sure payment of the abovesayd yearly pencion there, to the said Countess and her assignes, that she may not fayle thereof, at the termes the same shall be due, and that she may have no just cause to complayin, for want of payment of the same. And these our letter, notwithstanding any want of woords, that might be here omitted, and were required to be inserted for this purpose, which nevertheless, We declare are inserted, or any other cause or matter whatsoeuer, shall be unto you our deputy now being, or to any other deputie or Governor of that Relm that shall be for the tyme, and to the Tresurer at warre, their for the tyme being, and to any other our officers, ministers to whom it may in this case appertayn, shall be sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalfe. Gyven under our Signett at our Mannor

of S<sup>t</sup>. James's, the second of October 1588, in the Thirtith yeare of our Rayne."

"To our right trusty and welbeloved Sir William Fitzwillms, Knight, deputy of our Relm of Ireland, and to any deputy or other head Gouvernor there, that hereafter shall be, and to our Chauncelor there now being, and Chauncelor or Keeper of our great-Seale of Ireland hereafter to be. And to the Tresurer at Warre that now is, and that hereafter shall be of that our Relm, and to any other our officers or ministers there, to whom it doth or shall apparteyin."

Endorsed :

*"Involved on the Patent Roll of Ireland, in the thirty second year of the reign of our Queen Elizabeth." (Seal beneath.)*

IX

*Ralegh and Florence McCarthy in the Tower together\**

The demaundes of S<sup>r</sup> George Haruie Knight Lieu[n]te of the Tower of London for the dietts and charges of Prisoners in his custodie for one whole Quarter of a eare vizt :—from the feast of St: Michaell tharkangell 603 vntill the feast of the Nativitie and Birth of Christ ext followinge, As hereafter is declared.

After charges for the late Lo: Cobham and the late Lo: Gray of Wilton,

S<sup>r</sup> Walter Raleigh knight  
Item for the diett and charges of  
S<sup>r</sup> Walter Raleigh knight for  
himself and two s<sup>n</sup>nts from the  
xvj<sup>th</sup> of December, being then  
sent from Winchester, to the  
Tower againe, for one weeke  
and a halfe ended the xxv<sup>th</sup> of  
December att iiiij<sup>th</sup> the weeke— vj*l*

Then follow the charges for Bartholomewe Brookesby Esquier, Anthony Copley Esquier, S<sup>r</sup> Griffin Marckham knight, Lawrence Kennthe Esquier, Patrick Ruthen, William Watson, Preist, William Clark Preist, Nicholas Kendall, Gentleman.

\* The original in the State Paper Office, London.

florence Ma'artie	Item, for the diett and charges of florence M'Charthie ffrom the xxix <sup>th</sup> of September 1603 vntill the xxv <sup>th</sup> of Decemb'r next following being xij weekes and half at iiij <sup>d</sup> iiiij <sup>d</sup> the weeke	xxxiiij <sup>d</sup> vij <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>	iiij <sup>d</sup> iiiij <sup>d</sup>
	Item, more for Apparrell and other Necessaries bowght for him this Quarter	xliij <sup>s</sup> iiiij <sup>d</sup>	
Jeames Ma'Thomas	Item, for the diett and Charges of Jeames Ma'Thomas in the fleete from the ix <sup>th</sup> daye of Maye 1603 vnto the x <sup>th</sup> daye of August being xij weekes for himself and A s'nnite at xl <sup>d</sup> the weeke	xxvj <sup>s</sup>	xxvj <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>
	Item, for the diett and Charges of Jeames Ma'Thomas the Titu- ler Erle of Desmond from the xxix <sup>th</sup> of September 1603 vntill the xxv <sup>th</sup> of Decemb'r next fol- lowinge being xij weekes and halfe att iiij <sup>d</sup> the weeke	xxxviij <sup>s</sup> x <sup>d</sup>	
	Item, for Apparrell and Neces- saries bowght for him this Quarter	vij <sup>d</sup> xiij <sup>s</sup> iiiij <sup>d</sup>	

Then follow the charges for Roger Gwynn, Preist,  
the Phisition, the Apothecarie, the Barbour.

Sum of Allowances for Prisoners diets and charges, ffor the Phisition, Appo- thecarie and Barbour this Quarter	ccccxlj <sup>d</sup> xvij <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup>
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T. Ellesmere, Canc.'	T. Buckhurst.
Suffolke.	Ro. Cecyll.
L. Stanhope,	E. Wotton.
G. Haruy, locut' Turr'.	

## X

*Ralegh and the Eighteenth Earl of Desmond in the  
Tower\**

The demaunds of S<sup>r</sup> George Heruye Knight Leiu-  
ten'nte of the Tower of London for the Dietts and other  
Charges of Prisoners in his Custodie, for one whole  
Quarter of a yeere viz<sup>t</sup> from the ffeast of the Natiuitie and  
birth of Christ 1604 vntill the ffeast of the Annunc'ac'on  
of our Lady next following, as heereafter is declared.

The late Lord Cobham.	{ Imprimis for the diett and charges of the late Lord Cobham and his three Seruaunts from Xpmas 1604 vnto the Annuc'ac'on of our Lady next ffollowing 1605 being Thirtene weeks att viij <sup>l</sup> the weeke }	ciiij <sup>l</sup>
The late Lord Gray.	{ Item, for the diett and Charges of the Late Lord Gray for himself and three Ser'nts from xpmas: 1604 vntill our Lady daye 1605 next ffollowing being Thirteene weeks att viij <sup>l</sup> a weeke }	ciiij <sup>l</sup>

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\* The original is in the State Paper Office, London.

Sir Walter Raleigh Kn <sup>t</sup> .	{ Item, for the diett and Charges of S <sup>r</sup> Walter Raleigh Knight for himself and three Servants from xpmas 1604 vntill our Lady daye next fflowing 1605 being Thirteene weeke at v <sup>d</sup> a weeke (Item for the diett and charges of James M <sup>t</sup> Thomas Tituler Erle of Dessmond, from xpmas: 1604 vntill our Lady daye 1605 next fflowing being Thirteene weeks at iij <sup>d</sup> a weeke Item more for Apparell and necessaries bowght for him this Quarter Item, more for his washing this Quarter v <sup>d</sup> in toto }	lxv <sup>d</sup>
James M <sup>t</sup> Thomas.	xxxix <sup>d</sup>	iij <sup>d</sup> ij <sup>d</sup> v <sup>d</sup> iij <sup>d</sup> ij <sup>d</sup> x <sup>d</sup>

Then follow the charges for Patrick Ruthen, Thomas Pound, Brian Bridger, Doctor Sharpp, and Thomas Bywater.

The Phisition.	{ Item, to Doctor Ellwin phisition for visiting the sick prisoners this Quarter _____ }	v <sup>d</sup>
The Apothecarie.	{ Item, to Roger Gwinn apothecarie for Phisick ministred to the Prisoners this Quarter, his bill— }	viiij <sup>d</sup> xvij <sup>d</sup>
The Barbour.	{ Item, to Edward Porter, barbour for trymming the Prisoners this Quarter _____ }	xlv <sup>d</sup>

Sum'a. of allowances for Prisoners dietts  
and charges for the Phisition, Apo-  
thecarie and Barbour this Quarter

T. Dorset.	Lenox.	E. Worcester.	Cumberland.
Cranborne.		E. Wotton.	L. Stanhope.
			G. Heruye Locut. Turr.

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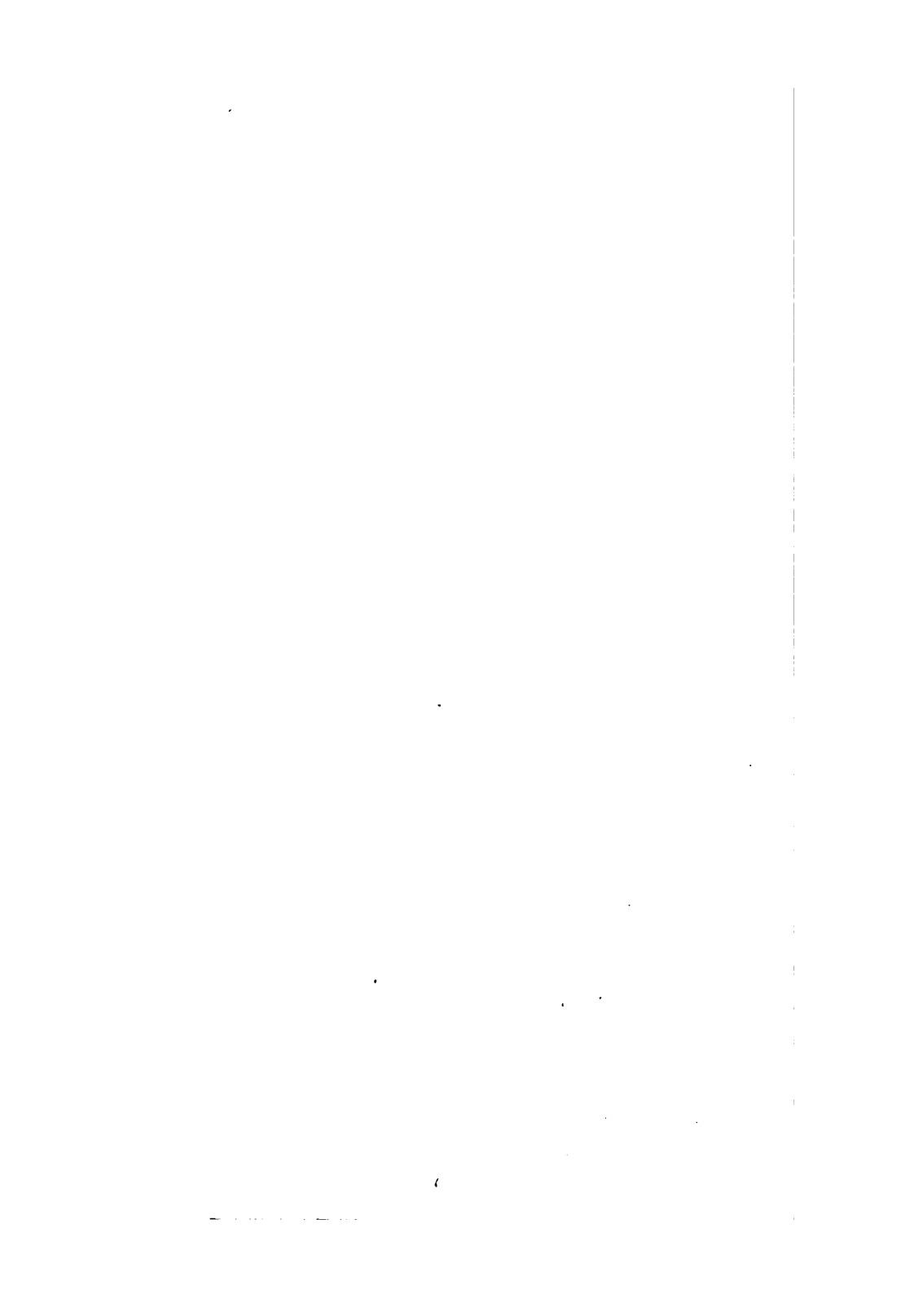
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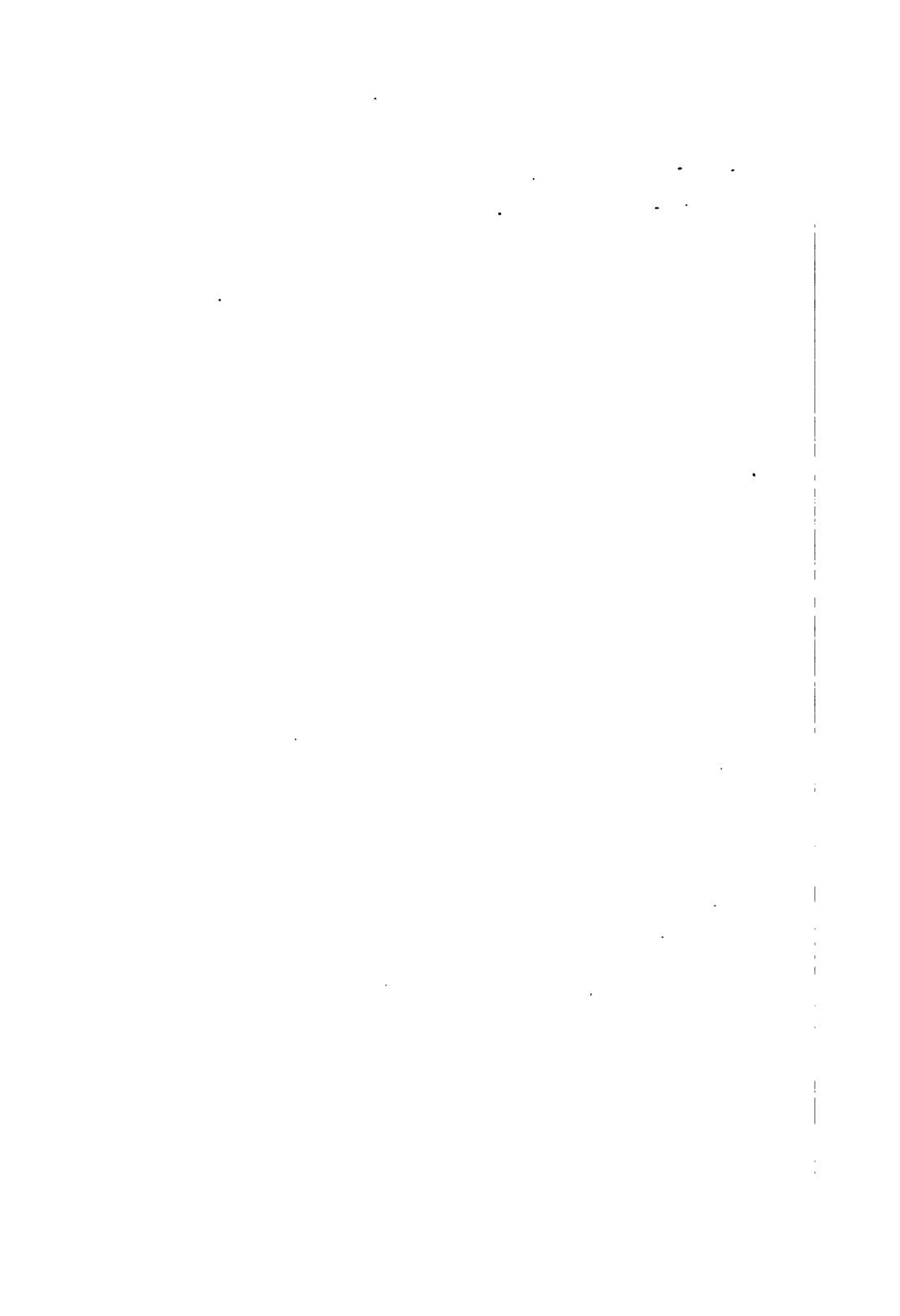
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